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Sturgis, Michigan

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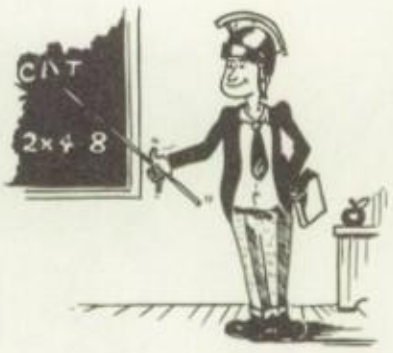

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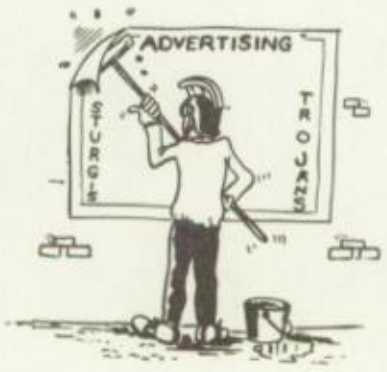


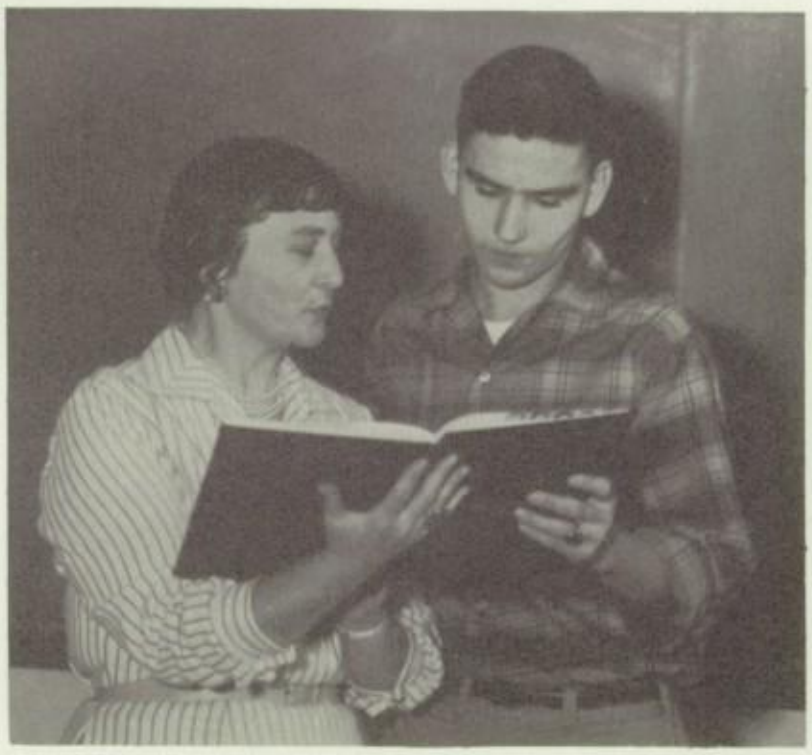
Dedication

Mrs. Mildred Britton

Success, in the truest sense, is measured by the service we give to others. So it is with the charming person we honor in this dedication. Her success as a teacher, advisor, and real friend can truly be measured by the devoted service she has given to all of us at Sturgis High. As past advisor of the yearbook, she gave tirelessly of her time and talents. Always ready to lend a helping hand, especially with our theme and research papers, she has been an important part of our Trojan "way of life." As an expression of our sincere appreciation we, the Senior Class of 1956, dedicate our Sturgensian to Mrs. Mildred Britton.

Sturgensian Staff

Marjorie Young, Editor.



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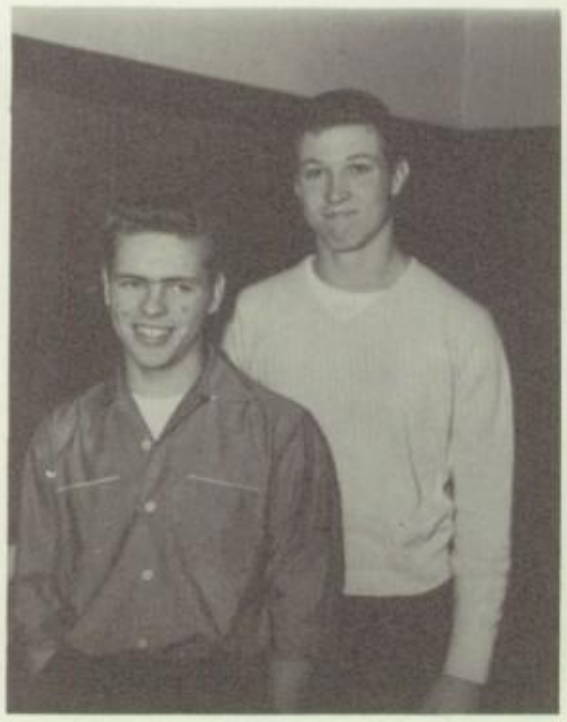

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Linda Rehm, Sharon Otto, Advertising Managers.
Nancy Ginther, Sales Manager.

Judy Wise, Dave Brew, Carmen Arklie, Reporters.

Jane Ross, Nancy Ginther, Dave Portman, Jolayne Carpenter, Senior Editors.

The 1956 STURGENSIAN staff worked hard to incorporate new features in its yearbook. Sixteen pages were added to take care of the many more students in Sturgis High School this year and to have more pictures for the clubs and sports. Our eye-catching padded cover, created by the art editor, was carried through the division pages with sketches of our Trojans busy in our high school. As you leaf through the ad section, you will notice the enlarged amount of pictures.

Early in the fall, as soon as our advisor, Miss Whitelock, had chosen her capable staff, the yearbook got under way. Our editor and her assistant spent many long hours in laying out page after page of the dummy.

Much controversy arose among the members of the staff as the cover, the finish of the pages, and the theme were discussed. At the first class meeting the dedication was decided upon.

With each deadline planned, the literary editor and her assistants busied themselves with assigning copy, revising, writing captions, and proof reading while the picture editors worked with Mr. Roy Niles arranging and taking pictures. We all drew a sigh of relief as the material for each deadline was on its way. The co-advertising managers began soliciting early in the year; their task was finally completed by Christmas. As the second semester dawned, the campaign for the sale of our book began with advertising posters announcing that new changes were in store.

When we revealed our 1956 STURGENSIAN on Class Day, we were all justly proud of it. As we leaf through our finished product all the many happy times and grievances of these four years will be remembered.

Harold Young

Olin Lepard

Otto Goethals

Earnest Schaeffer, TREASURER

Newell Franks, PRESIDENT

Harry Willer, SECRETARY

Noel Shedd
resigned Nov. 9, 1955

Richard L. Freeman
appointed Nov. 11, 1955

Board of Education

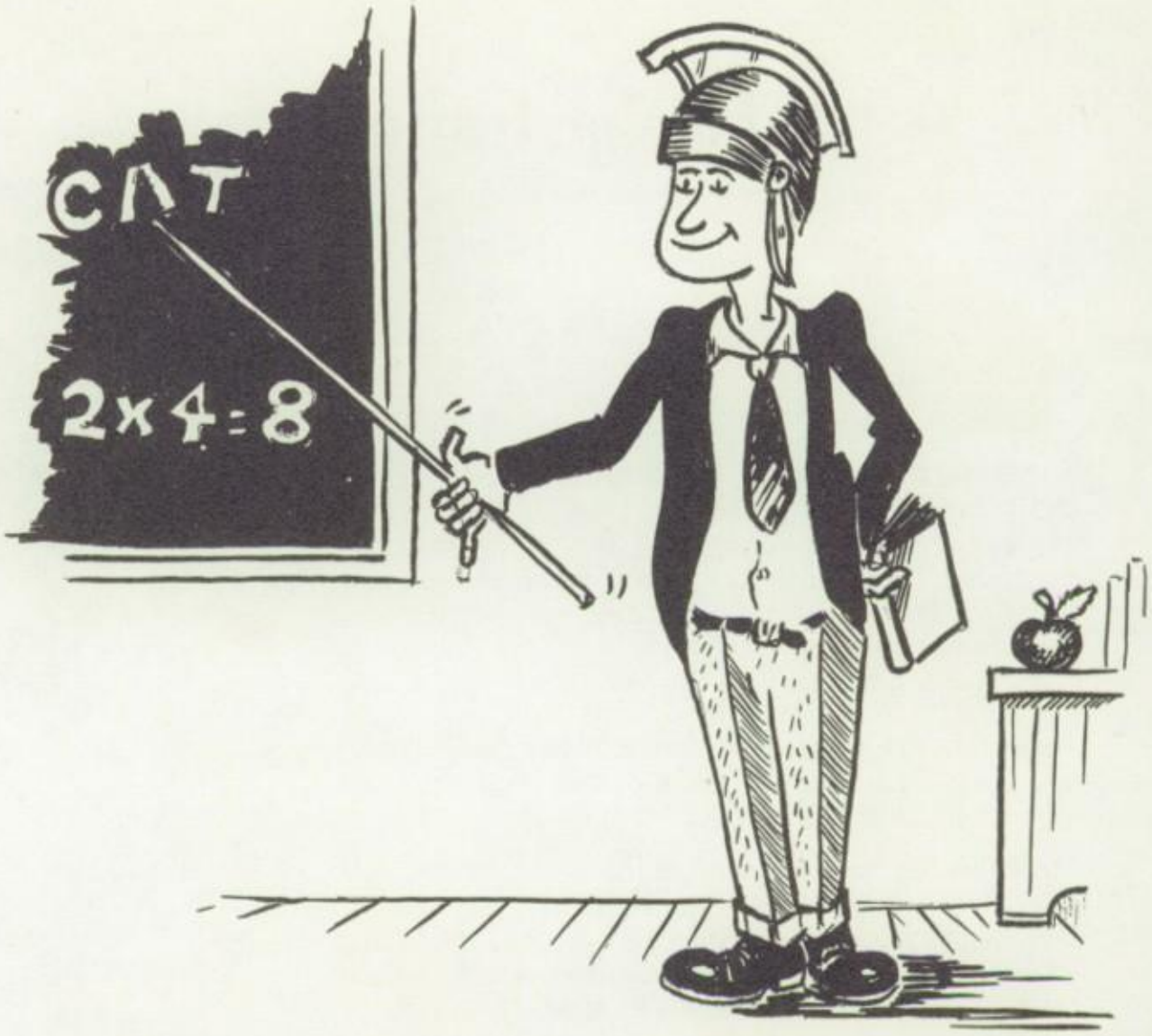
Seniors all: You have been privileged to live during a period of the greatest scientific and technological advances ever achieved by mankind; great success can be yours.

Having reached another milestone on life's pathway, be ever aware of its values. Even though ways of living seem to change, people remain basically the same and their differences must be evaluated.

Life's greatest assets will be your friends, and you will have the most and keep them the longest by doing unto them just as you would like to have them do unto you.

Many times decisions will be difficult, so recall your parents', teachers', and friends' best advice, perhaps you are not quite sure then which way to go, so just ask God to guide your course. Good Luck.

Newell Franks



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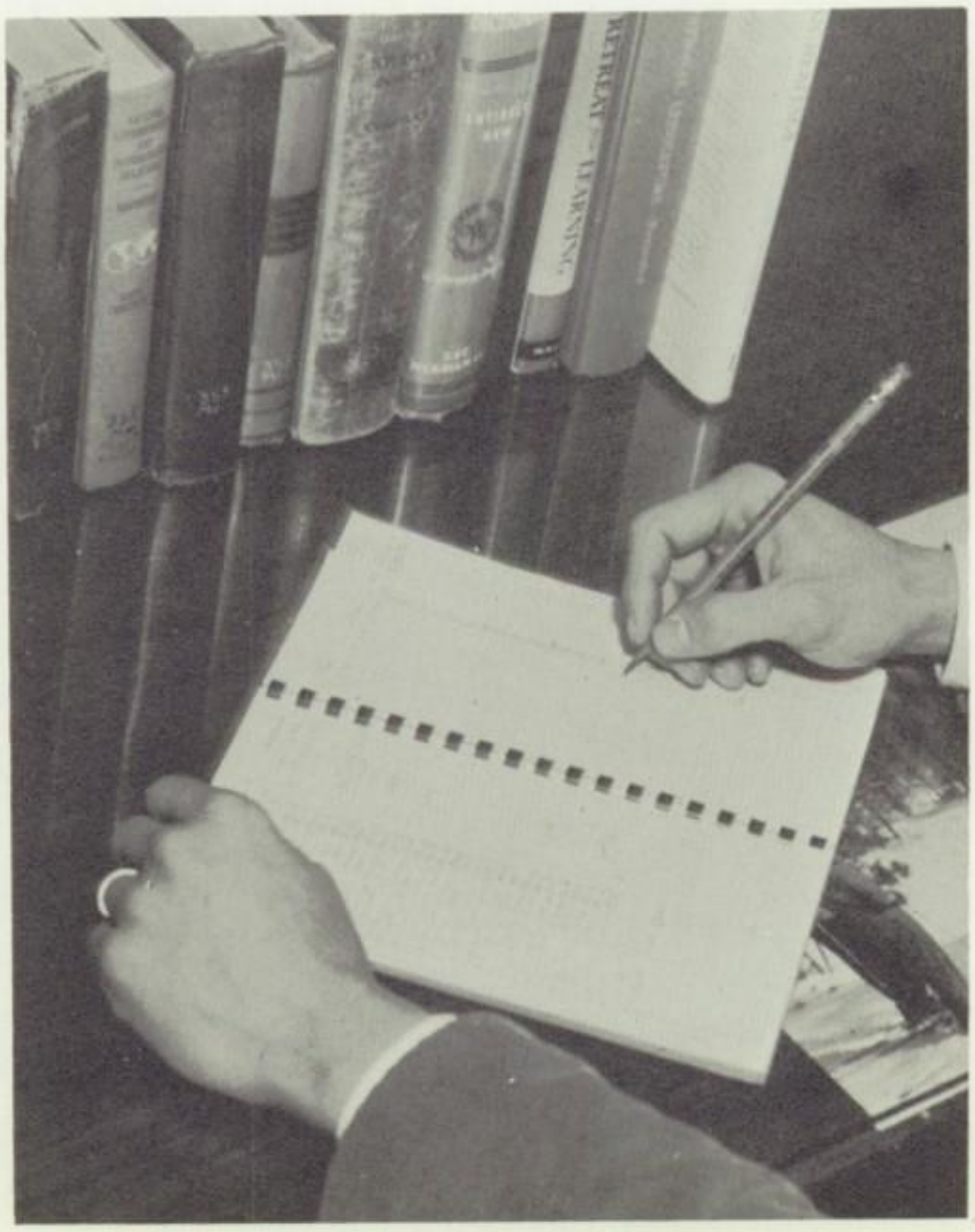


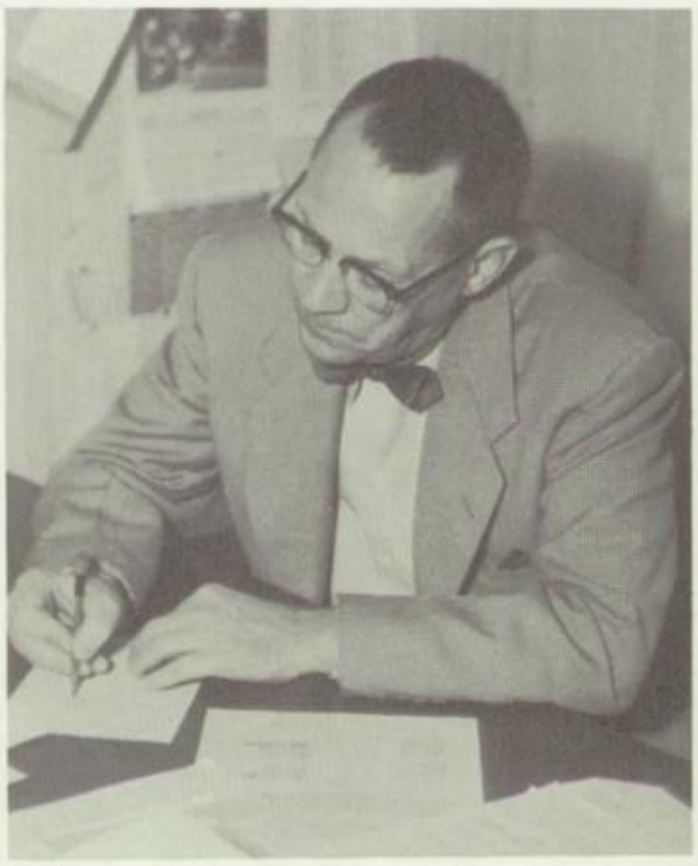
Administration

Mr. Bodley, SUPERINTENDENT

Business transactions for Sturgis High School are carried on by Mr. Bodley, our superintendent, his secretary, Miss Bensing, and her assistant, Miss Shuman. Here the supplies are ordered, the mail and payrolls are distributed, and the bookkeeping done for the Board of Education, extra-curricular activities, and class accounts. The superintendent and his staff make up the executive department administering the policies of the Board and reporting the effect of these policies to that body.

Mr. Miller is our principal of the seventh through twelfth grades at Sturgis High School. He is assisted by his very able secretary Mrs. Freeland. They both help the students with extra-curricular activities as well as regular school activities, such as absent and tardy slips, lost and found articles, and class schedules.

Although the students are out of school for the summer vacation, you will find Mr. Miller and Mrs. Freeland working here. They are at school devising the lists of classes for the next year. This is the hardest job that they have and it is through their management where we are placed in the fall.



Mr. Miller, PRINCIPAL

Miss Bensing

Mrs. Freeland

Mrs. Shuman

ANDERSON, ALTA B.S.
Commercial

BITNER, HELEN B.A.
English

BORGERDING, JOHN B.S.
General Shop and Woodworking

BOWDISH, HAROLD B.S., M.A.
General Science and Drivers Education

BOYLE, MARY FRANCES, B.S.
Home Economics

BRITTON, MILDRED A.B., M.A.
English and Latin

BROKAW, HELEN A.B.
Mathematics and English

CARPENTER, WAYNE B.S.
Mechanical Drawing and Mathematics

CASAULT, PAUL B.S., M.A.
Co-operative Training and General Business

CASNER, MYRON B.A., M.A.
Vocal Music

CHASE, JAMES B.S.
Arts and Crafts

COLLINS, FLOIAD A.B.
History and English

DeHAVEN, CECIL B.S., M.A.
Commercial

DEWITT, JACOB A.B., M.S.
Sciences

DILLON, DAVID B.S., M.A.
Biology, Mathematics, and Coach

FINLAY, ROBERT A.B., M.A.
History and Coach

GALBERACH, WILLIAM, B.S.
Social Studies

LORI, LOU B.S., M.A.
Physical Education, First Aid, Hygiene, and Coach

MAHER, RICHARD B.S.
Coach, Physical Education, First Aid, and Hygiene

MILLER, DELORES B.S.
Physical Education and First Aid

MOFFITT, ERNESTINE B.S.
English

PECK, MARTIN B.S., M.A.
Social Studies

PERRY, J. CARLTON B.S., M.A.
Guidance Director, Testing, and Biology

POLLEYS, MADELYN A.B.
Librarian

REICK, MONA LIFE CERTIFICATE
English and History

SCHEETZ, ALICE B.S.
Home Economics and Cafeteria

SEITZ, MARY G. A.B.
Mathematics

SMITH, RAYMOND B.S., M.A.
English, History, and Radio Program Director

SNOW, ROBERT B.S., M.S.
Mathematics

SONNEVIL, LYNN B.S.
Shop and Machine Shop

TYLER, HUGH B.S., M.A.
English and Speech

WAKEMAN, JESSIE A.B.
Geography and English

WATSON, RUTH CERTIFICAT DES ETUDES FRANCAISE Latin and French

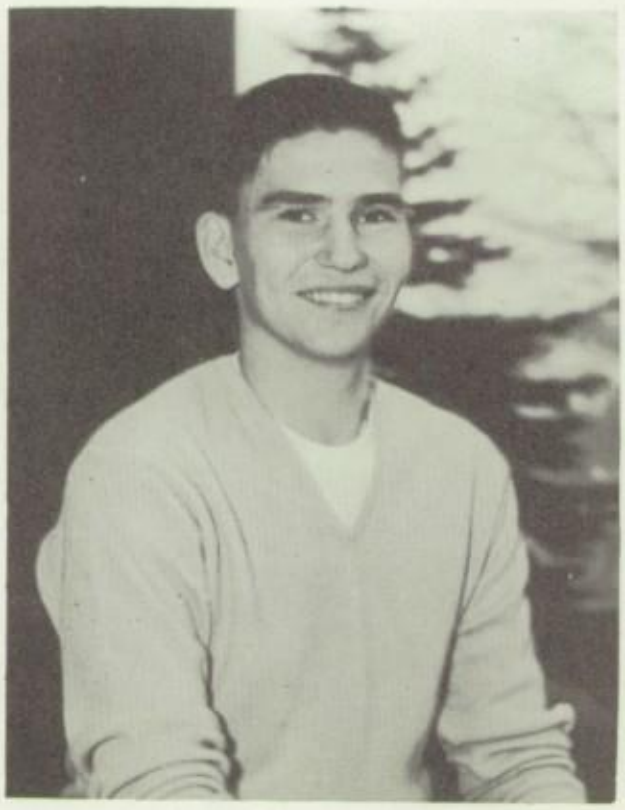
WELTY, ROBERT B.S., M.M.
Instrumental Music

WHEAT, EVA A.B.
Mathematics

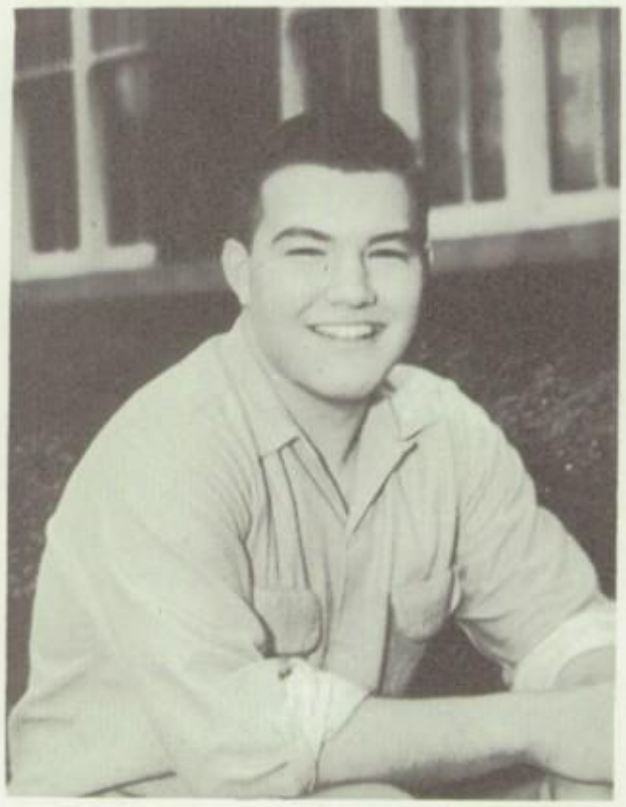
WHITELOCK, ELIZABETH A.B., M.A.
English, World History, and Journalism

SENIORS

Herbert Heidenreich, PRESIDENT



Dave Portman, VICE-PRESIDENT



Richard Guilford, STUDENT COUNCIL

David Hopkins, SECRETARY

Paul Eckert, TREASURER

Sam Weiderman, STUDENT COUNCIL

ABBS, LARRY DUANE

ANDERSON, LINDA LOU

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Officer 3,4; Art Club 2; Dramatics Club 2,3,4; Band 1,2; Chorus 1,4; A Capella 4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Jr. Achievement 3,4, Officer 3; Intramurals 2,3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Forensic Contest 3,4; Co-op 4.

ARKLIE, CARMEN ANN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2; A Capella 2; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll.

BAKER, DENNIS OWEN

Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3; Track 1,2,4; Varsity Club 4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Achievement 3; Class Officer 2.

BAKER, JOHN EDWARD

Football 1,2; Baseball 1,2; Intramurals 1,2,3,4.

BEDFORD, SHARON LEE

Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Co-op 4.

BELL, MUSETTE LEAH

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Officer 4; Dramatics Club 4, Officer 4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Band 1,2,3,4, Officer 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll; Forensic Contest 2,3,4; Junior Town Meeting 3; U.N. Conference 3.4.

BERTVA, DON LEE

Football 1; Track 1,3; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Jr. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.; Homecoming Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Co-op 4.

BINTZ, SHARON KAY

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Officer 2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Intramurals 2,3; J.-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4; Homecoming Comm.

BLANCHARD, JOSEPH ARTHUR

Football 1; Track 3; Wrestling 3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Sr. Play Crew.

BLASIUS, DAVID GENE

Intramurals 1,2,3; J-Hop Comm.; Homecoming Comm.; Co-op 4.

BOAZ, BONNIE KATHLEEN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; A Capella 1; J-Hop Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll.

BOWER, WILBUR FRANK

Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Wrestling 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3; Co-op 4.

BREW, DAVID LEE

Baseball 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1; Manager 3; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Band 1,2; Jr. Achievement 3, 4; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll; Leader —Gov't Day; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll; Youth Center Comm. Head 4.

BRICKER, JERRY LEONARD

Intramurals 3,4; Jr. Achievement 3.

CAMERON, NANCY JEAN

Co-op 3,4.

CARPENTER, JOLAYNE KAY

Play Cast and Crew; Band 1,2; Chorus G.A.A. 3,4; F.H.A. 1; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. 3,4; A Capella 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff.

CASNER, RUTH ANN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Officer 4; Dramatics Club 3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Intramurals 3; Chorus 1,2, 3,4, Officer 3,4; A Capella 1,2,3,4; J-Hop Comm.; J-Hop Court; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Youth Center Comm. Head 4; Homecoming Court.

COLLINS, THOMAS LLOYD

Football 1; Intramurals 1,3,4; Band 1,2.

COOHON, MARCELIA ANNETTE

Library Club 2,3,4, Officer 3.

DAUBER, CARL OSCAR

DEMSKI, MICHAEL EDWARD

Intramurals 1.

ECKERT, PAUL EUGENE

Football 12,3,4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2; Track 3; Wrestling 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Varsity Club 3,4, Officer 4; Band 1,2,3; Jr. Achievement 3; Class Officer 1,2,3,4; J-Hop Comm.

EMBLER, WAYNE CARLYLE

Track 1; Wrestling 1,3; Intramurals 1,2; Co-op 4.

EVERT, LOIS ALMEDA

G.A.A. 1,2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Co-op 4.

FALKENSTEIN, ADAH ANN

GA.A. 1,2,3,4; Sr. Play Crew; Band 1; J-Hop Comm.

FINK, MARSHA ANN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; A Capella 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3,4, Officer 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll.

FOX, SONDRA MARTHA

LaGrange High School 1,2; F.H.A. 4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 4.

GIBSON, MARY KATHERINE

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Chorus 1,2,3,4; A Capella 4; Jr. Achievement 4; J-Hop Comm.

GINTHER, NANCY LYNNE

G.A.A. 2,3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll 2,3; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll; Forensic Contest 3.

GIRTON, MELVYN HUGH

Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Manager 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Band 1; Jr. Achievement 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Homecoming Comm.; Youth Center Comm. Head 4.

GLASGOW, CAROLA RAE

Sr. Play Crew; Chorus 1,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3.

GOETHALS, SYLVIA MARGUERITE

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Art Club 2; Dramatics Club 1,2,3,4, Officer 2,3; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Chorus 1; Jr. Achievement 3, Officer 3; J-Hop Comm.; Forensic Contest 2,3,4.

GRABE, ROBERT EARL

Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Jr. Achievement 4; J-Hop Comm.

GROVES, REBECCA JEAN

Bucyrus High School 1,2,3,4

GUILFORD, RICHARD ARDEN

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Wrestling 3; Intramurals 1,2,3; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Dramatics Club 2,3,4, Officer 3,4; Varsity Club 3,4, Officer 4; Jr. Achievement 3, Officer 3; Class Officer 2,3,4; Student Council Officer 4; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll; Forensic Contest 2,3,4.

HATHAWAY, DELBERT LEE

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Wrestling 1,2,3; Sr. Play Cast; Varsity Club 3,4, Officer 3; Co-op 4.

HEIDENREICH, HERBERT MARTIN JR.

Football 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Dramatics Club 3,4, Officer 4; Varsity Club 4; Jr. Achievement 3,4, Officer 3, 4; Class Officer 4; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll 1,2,3; Homecoming Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll; Forensic Contest 2,3,4; Junior Town Meeting 3,4.

HEITGER, LEO FLOYD

Bronson High School 3; Football 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4.

HERSHEY, JOY DANINE

Co-op 4.

HOLSINGER, CARL D.
Football 1,2; Track 3,4; Intramurals 3,4.

HOLTZ, JANET LYN
Library Club 4; G.A.A. 1,2; F.H.A. 1,2.

HOLTZ, JANICE MARIE
Cafeteria 4.

HOLTZ, SUSAN ANNE
F.H.A. 2,3, Officer 3; Jr. Achievement 3,4, Officer 3; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; J-Hop Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll; Co-op 4.

HOPKINS, DAVID G. JR.
Football 1,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Sr. Play Cast; Class Officer 4; Jr. Honor Roll; Leader—Gov't Day.

HOSTETLER, SHARON LOUISE
G.A.A. 1,2.

HOYT, LEROY VERN
Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Varsity Club 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Jr. Achievement 3,4.

JACKSON, JUDITH GAYLE
Chorus 1,2,3; A Capella 2,3; Co-op 4.

JELLISON, SHIRLEY ANN
G.A.A. 1,2; Chorus 1,2,3,4.

JOHNSONBAUGH, JAMES STANLEY
Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Varsity Club 2,3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Youth Center Comm. Head 4.

KENNEDY, PATRICIA MARIE

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll; Co-op 4.

KEYSER, GLORIA ROSEMARY

G.A.A. 3,4; Sr. Play Crew; J-Hop Comm.; Cheerleader 3,4; Plymouth High School 1,2.

KIRBY, ANN JEAN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Dramatics Club 1,2,3,4, Officer 3; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Intramurals 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4.

KIRKPATRICK, MAURICE O. JR.

Football 1,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Baseball 3,4; Intramurals 2,3; Jr. Play Crew; Varsity Club 4; Jr. Achievement 3,4; J-Hop Comm.

KISSEBERTH, RICHARD JAMES

Wrestling 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Achievement 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Youth Center Comm. 1,2,3,4.

KLINE, JAMES EDWARD

Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Dramatics Club 3,4; Band 1, 2,3,4, Officer 1,3,4; Chorus 4; A Capella 4; Jr. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll 1,2,3; Forensic Contest 2,3, 4; Junior Town Meeting 3,4.

KOLADY, JACQUELYN RAE

Art Club 2; G.A.A. 1,2,3; J-Hop Comm. Forensic Contest 2; Co-op 4.

KRUGER, JOHN M.

Intramurals 1,4; Wrestling 2; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3,4.

LAHRKE, PAUL ALBERT

Centreville High School 1,2,3; Co-op 4.

LAMPE, CAROLYN RUTH

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Band 1,2; Class Officer 2,3; J-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4.

LAMPE, THEODORE MICHAEL

Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Track 1, 2; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Varsity Club 3,4; Jr. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.

LASH, MARIANNE

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Officer 3; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Intramurals 2,3; Band 2,3; Chorus 1; A Capella 1; Jr. Achievement 3; Class Officer 1,3; J-Hop Comm.; J-Hop Court; Jr. Honor Roll 1,2,3; Homecoming Court; Co-op 4.

LASH, SUE ANN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Officer 3; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Intramurals 2,3; Band 2,3; Chorus 1; A Capella 1; J. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4.

LEPARD, ANNE ELIZABETH

G.A.A. 1,2,3; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Dramatics Club 1,2,3,4, Officer 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 1; J-Hop Comm.; J-Hop Court; Jr. Honor Roll 1, 2,3; Homecoming Comm.; Homecoming Queen; Forensic Contest 3; Youth Center Officer.

LOETZ, SHARON SUE

Library Club 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; A Capella 1; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Co-op 4.

LOSEY, WILLIAM MARTIN II

Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Track 2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast; Band 1,2; J-Hop Comm.; Youth Center 1,2.

MACHAN, MARGARET ELLEN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Crew; Band 1,2,3,4; Jr. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll.

McBRIDE, DEANNA LEE

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2; Jr. Play Crew; Sr Play Crew; Band 1,2; Chorus 3,4; A Capella 4; J-Hop Comm.

MECKLENBURG, GARY J.

Jr. Achievement 3, Officer 3; Co-op 4.

MIERAS, JUDITH ANN

Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4.

MILLIMAN, KEITH ELWYN

Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2; Intramurals 1; Manager 2.

MOLTER, SHARON ANN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2; Library Club 2,3; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3; Homecoming Court.

MOODY, SUSAN CAROL

Coldwater High School 1,2; G.A.A. 3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Intramurals 4; Jr. Achievement 4; Co-op 4; J-Hop Comm.

MORRILL, JOHN B.

Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Track 3,4; Intramurals 1; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Varsity Club 3,4; Class Officer 3; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll.

NUSBAUM, DAVID CHARLES

Co-op 4.

OTTO, SHARON LEE

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Chorus 1,2,3,4; A Capella 1,2,4; Jr. Achievement 3, Officer 3; J-Hop Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll.

PAPPAS, ELIZABETH ANN

Library Club 2,3,4.

PAXTON, ARDEN WAYNE JR.

Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast; Dramatics Club 2,3,4; Library Club 1,2,3, Officer 3; Chorus 1; A Capella 1.

PHILLIPS, LELAND L.

Jr. Achievement; Co-op 4.

PIERCE, ERNEST DWIGHT

Centreville High School 1; Football 1; Baseball 3; Wrestling 3; Intramurals 2, 3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.

PORTMAN, DAVID NATHAN

Intramurals 3,4; Jr. Achievement 3; Class Officer 4; Jr. Honor Roll 2; Leader—Gov't Day; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll.

POST, LAWRENCE CARL

Jr. Achievement 3,4.

POWERS, SHIRLEY ANN

G.A.A. 1,2; Band 1,2; Co-op 4.

PUESCHEL, MARILYN RUTH

Co-op 3,4.

RAMBADT, RONALD EDMUND

Football 1,3; Intramurals 1,3,4; Band 1, 2; J-Hop Comm.; Homecoming Comm.

RAY, THOMAS CURTIS

Football 1,2,3; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Co-op 4.

REEG, JULIE ANN

Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Library Club 2; Art Club 2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Jr. Achievement.

REHM, LINDA

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2, Officer 2, Regional Officer 2; Art Club 2; Dramatics Club 3,4; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Intramurals 3; Jr. Achievement 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll; Homecoming Comm.

RIPPEY, ADIE ELLEN

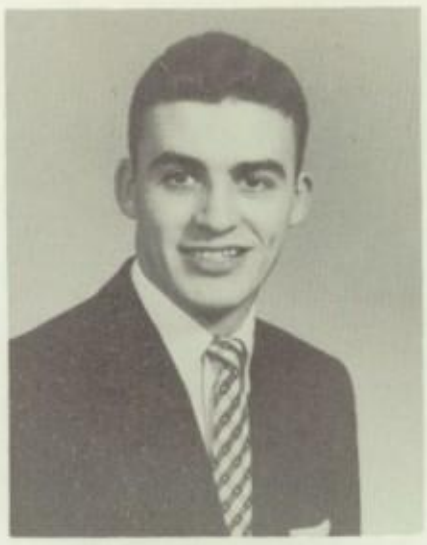
Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Library Club 1; Art Club 1; G.A.A. 2; F.H.A. 4; Jr. Achievement 3.

RIPPEY, JERRY LOA

Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Art Club 2; Chorus 1; J-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4.

ROHRER, ROBERT LEE

Football 1,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Varsity Club 4; Class Officer 1; J-Hop Comm.



ROSS, JANE ELIZABETH

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Art Club 2; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3, Officer 3; Class Officer 1; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll 1,2,3; Recorder —Gov't Day; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll.

ROYETON, JUDITH ANN

Williamston High School 1,2,3; Sr. Play Crew; G.A.A. 4; F.H.A. 2,3; J-Hop Comm.

SCHAEFFER, GARY LEE

Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 4.

SHELDON, JAN HERMAN

St. Michaels, Pinconning, 1,2; Football 3; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 2; Co-op 4.

SIGLER, NANCY JO

Sr. Play Crew; F.H.A. 2,3,4; Band 1; Chorus 4.

SNYDER, GLADYS DOROTHY

Library Club 2,3,4; G.A.A. 2,3; Co-op 4.

SPAULDING, TOM L.

Intramurals 1,2,3,4.

SPEAROW, KATHRYN ANN

Library Club 2; Art Club 3,4; G.A.A. 1, 2; Band 1; Chorus 1; Jr. Achievement 3; Co-op 4.

STRONG, JOYCE MAY

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Art Club 2; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3, Officer 3; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll 1,2,3; Recorder—Gov't Day; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll.

STUDEMAN, ELEANOR ETHEL

Sr. Play Crew; Library Club 1; Co-op 4.

STURGIS, DAVID J.

Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2; Intramurals 1,2; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast; J-Hop Comm.

STURGIS, PHYLLIS DIANE

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1; Library Club 2,3; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3; Co-op 4.

STUTZ, ELAINE KATHRYN

G.A.A. 1,2,3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Art Club 2,3,4, Officer 3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3,4, Officer 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4.

SUMMEY, MARJORIE COLLEEN

Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4.

TOBIAS, GEORGE STEVE

Track 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Jr. Achievement 3; J-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4.

TOTH, PAUL ALAN

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast; Varsity Club 3,4; J-Hop Comm.; Homecoming Comm.; Co-op 4.

TURNER, BRUCE STANTON

Jr. Play Crew; Class Officer 1,2,3; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll; Home coming Comm.; Forensic Contest 3; Youth Center Comm.; Co-op 4; Junior Town Meeting; U.N. Conference.

WAGNER, CAROL ANN

Sr. Play Crew; Dramatics Club 2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,4; Jr. Achievement 3,4, Officer 4; Central Catholic High, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

WAGNER, GORDON LEE

Football 1; Intramurals 1,2,4; Jr. Achievement 3,4; Jr. Honor Roll 1,3; Co-op 4.

WEAVER, JOHN HOWARD

Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2; Track 3; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Varsity Club 4; Band 2,3; J-Hop Comm.

WEHRLY, SHARON KAYE

Miami Edison Senior High 2; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Co-op 4.

WEIDERMAN, JOHN SAMMY

Basketball 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Crew; Student Council Officer 4; Jr. Honor Roll; J-Hop Comm.; Class Officer 4.

WETZEL, SHARRON ANN

Sr. Play Crew; Library Club 2, 4.

WISE, JUDITH ELAINE

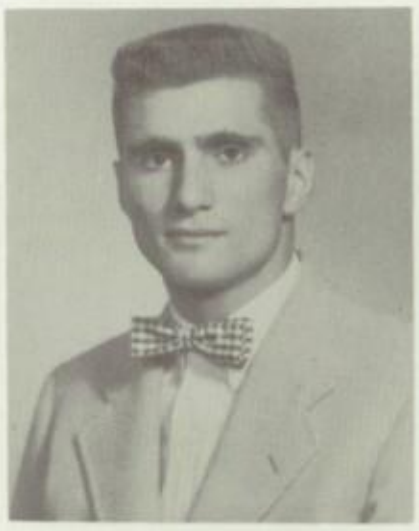
G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Officer 2,3,4; Art Club 2; Dramatics Club 3,4; Intramurals 2,3, 4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast and Crew; Band 1,2; Chorus 3,4; A Capella 3,4; Jr. Achievement 3, Officer 3; J-Hop Comm.; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff.

WITTENBERG, PATRICIA LOU

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast; J-Hop Comm.; Jr. Honor Roll.

WOLCOTT, WALTER JOSEPH

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 2,3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play Cast and Crew; Sr. Play Cast; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Jr. Achievement 4; J-Hop Comm.; Co-op 4.



WOLFE, LINDA

Larwill High 1,2; Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Cast; G.AA. 3; Chorus 3,4; A Capella 3,4; J-Hop Comm.

YOUNG, JEANINE KAY

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Jr. Play Cast; Sr. Play Cast; Band 1,2,3; Chorus 1; J-Hop Comm.; J-Hop Court; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll; Cheerleader 3.

YOUNG, MARJORIE KAY

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Officer 3; F.H.A. 1,2, Officer 2; Dramatics Club 3,4; Jr. Play Cast, Sr. Play Cast; Chorus 1,2,3,4, Officer 3,4; A Capella 1,2,3,4; J-Hop Comm.; J-Hop Queen; Recorder—Gov't Day; Trojan Staff; Sturgensian Staff; Quill and Scroll; Youth Center Comm. Head 4; Homecoming Court.

ZOLLMAN, JUANITA LEILA
Jr. Play Crew; Sr. Play Crew; Art Club 4; Band 2; Co-op 4.

German Exchange Students

For the first time, S.H.S. had exchange students. The three students; who were carefully chosen from many applicants, came from Germany in July. They entered S.H.S. as seniors this fall. We felt very privileged to have these students, who were sponsored by the Rotary Club, and feel that just as they benefited from us, we have benefited from them.

Irmgard Helga Schluter, an attractive and tall, slender brownette, was born seventeen years ago in Berlin. She now lives at Scharnherst Street 14, Dusseldorf, Germany; while in America she resided at the Ronald Kirby home. She found her most favorite American foods to be potato chips and popcorn and says that the people in Sturgis rate first with her because they're so friendly. Irmgard was in the Senior Play Cast, a member of the Dramatics Club, and a member of G.A.A. Her hobbies are reading and sports.

Jurgen Christoph Frolich, a tall, studious boy of seventeen, was born in Rudolstadt/Thur and now lives at Osterode Harz, Germany. Jurgen said that the thing he liked most about America was his foster parents, the Kenneth Bisel family. Next on his "Favorites" list comes American food and he gives the following as an ideal American meal: T-Bone steak, French-fried onion rings, milk shake, and cherry pie. Jurgen had a part in the Senior Play, went out for track, and belonged to the Youth Symphony of Ann Arbor, where he played a violin. His hobbies are music and swimming.

Dietrich Meissner, a tall, seventeen-year-old, who was born in Maumburg/Saale, lived with the Leland Brubakers. His home in Germany is Luebbecke/Westfalen 18 Bismark Street. "Didi's" favorite foods are T-Bone steaks, French fries, and hamburgers with "everything." The things he liked most about America were his foster parents and the students of S.H.S. "Didi" was in the Senior Play Cast, a member of Junior Achievement, went out for football, wrestling, and track, and states his hobby as "having fun."

The three will return to Germany this summer; we will all be sorry to see them leave.

SCHLUTER, IRMGARD HELGA
Stadtisches Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaft-Liches, Madchen Gymnasium, Dusseldorf, Germany 1,2,3; G.A.A. 4; Sr. Play Cast.

FROLICH, JURGEN CHRISTOPH
Oberschule fur Jungen, Osterode/Harz, West Germany 1,2,3; Sr. Play Cast.

MEISSNER, DIETRICH
Gymnasium Bunde/Germany 1,2,3; Football 4; Track 4; Wrestling 4; Sr. Play Cast; Jr. Achievement 4.

Class Will

We, the members of the Class of 1956, do hereby will the undersigned items to the underclassmen so that their years in Sturgis High School may be as happy as ours have been.

I, Larry Abbs, will my love of driving to anybody who has a license.

I, Linda Anderson, will my athletic ability to Merrilee, who is also going to major in physical education.

I, Carmen Arklie, will my ability to go steady for three years with the same boy to anyone who wants to try.

I, Denny Baker, will my talent to think up wise cracks on the spur of the moment to any capable junior who wants to chance it.

I, Sharon Bedford, will my co-op job at Tri-State to Carolyn Wisler.

I, Musette Bell, will my ability to play first and last chair bassoon to Paul Strait.

I, Don Bertva, will my height to Bob Cross and my driving ability to Audra.

I, Sherry Bintz, do hereby will my ability to acquire the first diamond in the Class of '56.

I, Joe Blanchard, will my orange necktie to Mr. Peck.

I, Dave Blasius, will my ability to borrow money to any junior with a good reputation.

I, Bonnie Boaz, will my job of stenciling to any future journalism student with steady nerves and an even temper.

I, Wilbur Bower, will my skipping school to anyone who wants to take the chance.

I, Dave Brew, being of sound mind, do will and bequeath my wise remarks in government class to any junior who wants an extra study period for a week.

I, Jerry Bricker, will my unsurmountable government grades to any underclassman.

We, Kay Cameron and Nancy Sigler, do hereby will our knack to talk in 3rd hour session hall to Karen George and Peggy Gaskill.

I, Jolayne Carpenter, will and bequeath my enjoyable job of accompanying the high school chorus to Bonnie Cross without any "nays."

I, Ruth Casner, will my music folder number five and my place in the second soprano section to Mary Brunson.

I, Tom Collins, will my ability to go steady all through high school to Eric Sheldon.

I, Marcelia Coohon, will by nickname of "Mousie" to anyone who will be able to live it down.

I, Carl Dauber, will my artistic talents to Bernice Fifer.

I, Mike Demski, do will my government text book to Joyce Swalley.

I, Paul Eckert, do will and bequeath my ability to wrestle Dick Bunce and stay healthy to Tom Hickman.

I, Wayne Embler, will my luck in passing government to Ted Davis.

I, Lois Evert, will my job in cafeteria to any junior girl.

To those who say the only child is selfish, I, Adah Ann Falkenstein, therefore, leave nothing.

I, Marsha Fink, do will and bequeath my love of choral music and my a capella choir robe to Susan Hilton.

I, Sondra Fox, will my long hair to Janice Harker, Mary Hawkins, and Mona Burkhead.

I, Jurgen Frolich, leave my German-English accent to Stan Laws.

I, Mary Gibson, will my extra weight.

I, Nancy Ginther, do will and bequeath my ability to get straight A's in physics and chemistry to any girl who has enough fortitude to take them.

We, Mel Girton and Sam Weiderman, will the work of taking both chemistry and physics in one year to any sophomore who doesn't know enough to take physics in his junior year.

I, Carola Glasgow, will my seat in government to Audrey Smith.

I, Sylvia Goethals, will my ability to portray the past of a nurse to my sisters, Kathleen and Mary Ann, who want to become nurses.

I, Bob Grabe, will my government seat to my cousin, Dick.

I, Richard Guilford, do bequeath all my courage for government class to any junior who has high hopes.

I, Delbert Hathaway, leave to Phil Perry and Jack Marker my list of addresses and phone numbers.

I, Herbert Heidenreich, do will and bequeath the pleasure of having Mr. Dewitt all four years of high school to any underclassman who would enjoy it half as much as I did.

I, Leo Heitger, will my position in shorthand class to any sophomore or junior boy.

We, Joy Hershey, Sharon Hostetler, Linda Wolfe, and Juanita Zollman, leave our beloved seats in government class to Paul Keller, Royce Shears, Bud Krontz, and Richard Bunce.

I, Carl Holsinger, will my ability to handle a 1935 Ford to Tom Hickman.

I, Janet Holtz, will my ability to sleep during 5th hour G.S.R. to Carole Diggins and Lynne Wallick.

I, Janice Holtz, will my ability to wake Janet up to anyone who sits near her.

I, Susan Holtz, will my government notes to my sister, Jean.

I, Dave Hopkins, will some of my beef to Terry Taylor.

I, Vern Hoyt, will my ability to find money on the football field to Tom Hickman.

I, Judy Jackson, will my free taxi-ride to school every morning, to anyone who comes to school late and needs it.

I, Shirley Jellison, will my government tests to anyone who wants them.

I, Jim Johnsonbaugh, will my ability to shoot down Christmas trees, while hunting, to Rich Reid.

We, Pat Kennedy and Jackie Kolady, will and bequeath our ability to remain true to our fellows to all girls.

I, Gloria Keyser, do hereby will and bequeath my natural long black hair to those natural blondes, Lynne Wallick and Ruthie Runyan.

I, Ann Kirby, will my place of four years on the cheerleading squad to anyone who would enjoy it half as much as I did.

I, Corky Kirkpatrick, will all my gas money to Mary Brunson.

I, Dick Kisseberth, will my ability to write my own excuses to anybody who needs to.

I, Jim Kline, being of sound mind, do hereby will my ability to remain in chemistry to any junior with a short fuse.

I, John Kruger, leave my concealed ability to get along with girls to Dave Thomasma.

I, Paul Lahrke, will my bashfulness to George Smith.

I, Carolyn Lampe, will to Carol Wheeler my ability to be in government class every day.

We, Ted Lampe and Linda Rehm, will our love of water skiing to any underclassmen who like to get their feet wet.

I, Pat Lash, will my unique ability for driving into ditches, etc. to any junior who has a desire for such an experience.

I, Sue Lash, will my cheering voice to Carolyn Wisler.

I, Anne Lepard, will my freckles and my blushing ability to any underclassman.

I, Sharon Loetz, will my height to Jane Wiedlea and my dimple to Joan Siegel.

I, Bill Losey, will my high jumping ability to Tom Stapleton.

I, Peggy Machan, do generously will my pastime as band librarian with all its headaches to Janet Ryan and whomever she can draft to help her.

I, Deanna McBride, bequeath my shyness to anyone who can use it.

I, Gary Mecklenburg, will my seat in government glass to Dean DuVall.

I, Didi Meissner, will my ability to pass government without too much study to Sandy.

I, Judy Mieras, will my ability to resist boys to my sister.

I, Keith Milliman, do will my ability to drive a car to Carole Shafer.

I, Sharon Molter, will my changing hair color to any underclassman who likes to be different.

I, Susan Moody, will my many nicknames to any future government student.

I, John Morrill, will my basketball speed to John Wenzel.

I, Dave Nausbaum, will my gum chewing ability to any of the junior class.

We, the loyal members of the Sharon Otto Fan Club, do will her ability to speak her piece at anytime, anyplace.

I, Elizabeth Pappas, leave my skating ability to John Pappas, Audrey Smith, and to anyone else who may need it.

I, Arden Paxton, will my job in Mr. Bodley's office to anybody who likes to work.

I, Leland Phillips, will my curly hair to my sister, Janet.

I, Ernest Pierce, will my unfailing stamina and endurance to Dick Bunce.

I, Dave Portman, will my tennis and ping-pong ability to any freshman.

I, Larry Post, will my ability to direct traffic and tell women drivers where to go to any underclassman brave enough.

I, Shirley Powers, do hereby will my ability to catch those unlucky Bronson boys to some lucky girl.

I, Marilyn Pueschel, will my choice seat in government to Janet Phillips.

I, Ronnie Rambadt, will my good ears and 20-20 vision to any underclassman who might need them.

I, Tom Ray, will my car to Phyllis Geering.

I, Julie Reeg, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to act like a two-year-old to any girl that can stand the ribbing.

I, Adie Ellen Rippey, will my ability to get away with two hours in the library to John Pappas and Mary Troyer.

I, Jerry Rippey, will my ability to pass government to Mary Frances Wagner.

I, Bob Rohrer, will my name "Shaggy" and my red hair that Shag Monroe willed to me last year, to my brother, Larry.

I, Judy Royeton, will my good connections to have the ability to never drive the same Chevy two weeks at a time.

I, Gary Schaeffer, will my friendship with the Sturgis Police Department to any freshman who needs it.

I, Irmgard Schluter, will my ability to yell something across G.S.R. in German and have only two people understand it.

I, Jan Sheldon, will my ability to get along with Mr. Peck to any underclassman.

We, Nancy Sigler and Marjorie Summey, hereby will our booth at Neil's to Sandra Kipker and Mary Kime.

I, Gladys Snyder, will my earrings to all junior girls.

I, Tom Spaulding, will my dog house to Mr. Peck.

I, Kathryn Spearow, will my position and seat in government class to Sue Powers.

We, Joyce Strong and Jane Ross, do bequeath our walks to school for four years to any other underclassmen who can't find a ride.

I, Eleanor Studeman, will my continuous and daily letter-writing to anyone who had a guy in service.

I, David Sturgis, will my ability to leave home at 8:20 and travel the two miles to school without being late to my brother, Matt.

I, Phyllis Sturgis, will my ability to go steady for four years to any freshman willing to try.

I, Elaine Stutz, do will my artistic ability in art class to Albert Werner.

I, George Tobias, leave my sense of humor to any underclassman who likes to laugh.

I, Paul Toth, leave my bad knee to anyone who doesn't play football.

I, Bruce Turner, will my typing speed to Tom Hickman.

I, Carol Wagner, will to Kathleen Goethals my A's in chemistry.

I, Gordon Wagner, bequeath to any junior, providing he has enough courage, my ability to write poetry on government tests.

I, John Weaver, will my ability to stay away from girls to Jerry Todd.

I, Sharon Wehrly, will my job at W.S.T.R. to any energetic underclassman.

I, Sharron Wetzel, wish to will my chair next to Mr. Peck's desk to any junior who is brave enough.

I, Judy Wise, do will and bequeath my chorus folder and position in the back row in chorus to Mary Woods and my love of sports to any ambitious G.A.A. member.

I, Pat Wittenberg, leave my seat in Mr. Dewitt's room to any future nurse.

I, Walt Wolcott, will my Dodge's floating power to any underclassman who cares to drive a big car.

I, Jeanine Young, will my ability to stay out of Mr. Peck's seventh hour to my brother, Jim.

I, Marjorie Young, do will my ability to drive "the bug" to my sister, Judi.

In Witness whereof, we, under the authority vested in us by said class of 1956, set our hands and seals for and on behalf of said Class this 24th day of May, 1956.

Linda Rehm
Judy Wise

In Memory

CAROL ANN WAGNER
1939-1956

We, the Senior Class of 1956, leave these halls remembering Carol, our dear friend and classmate, who was to have shared these last wonderful days with us. Just to have known her had deeply enriched our lives, and her memory shall remain with us always.

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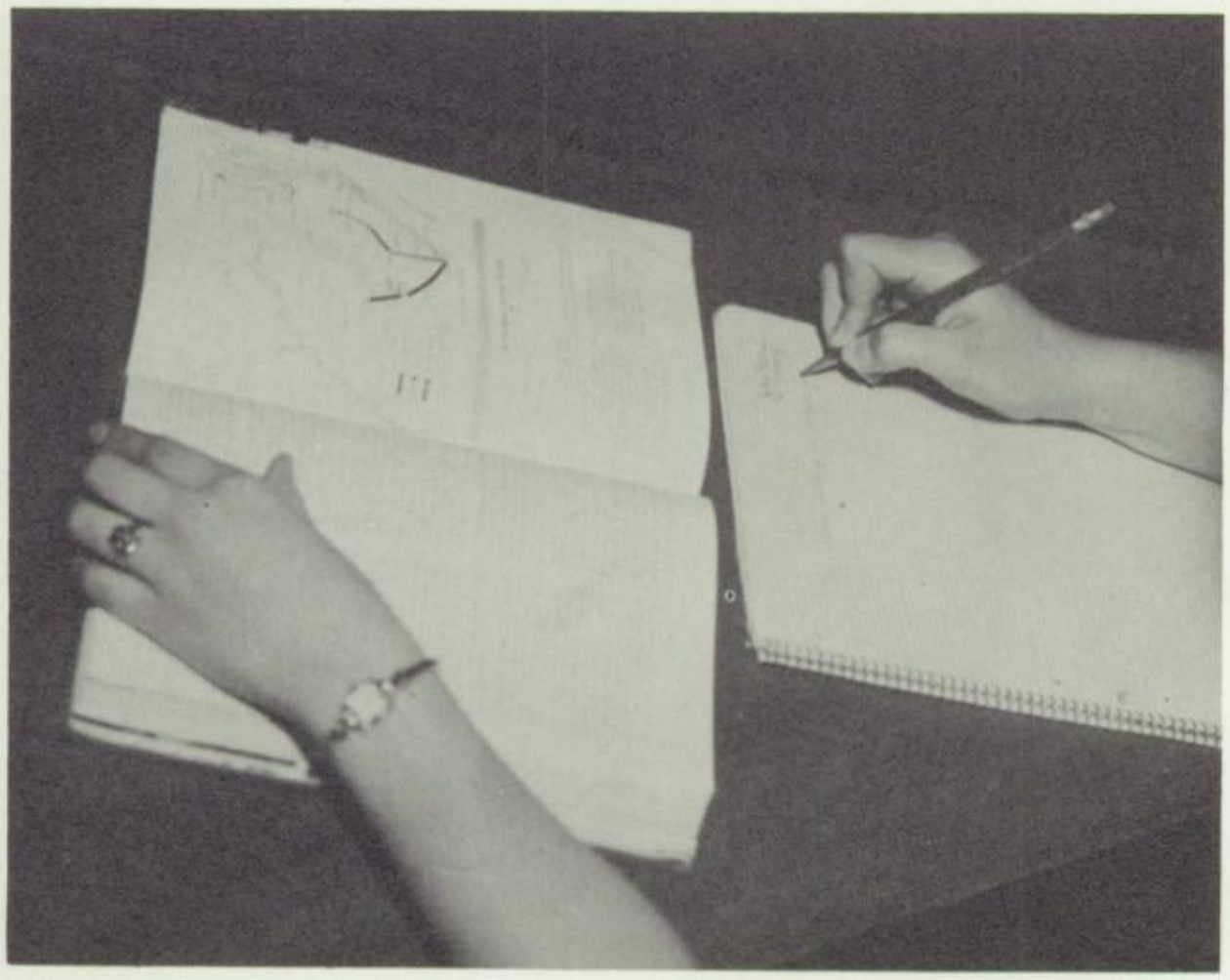
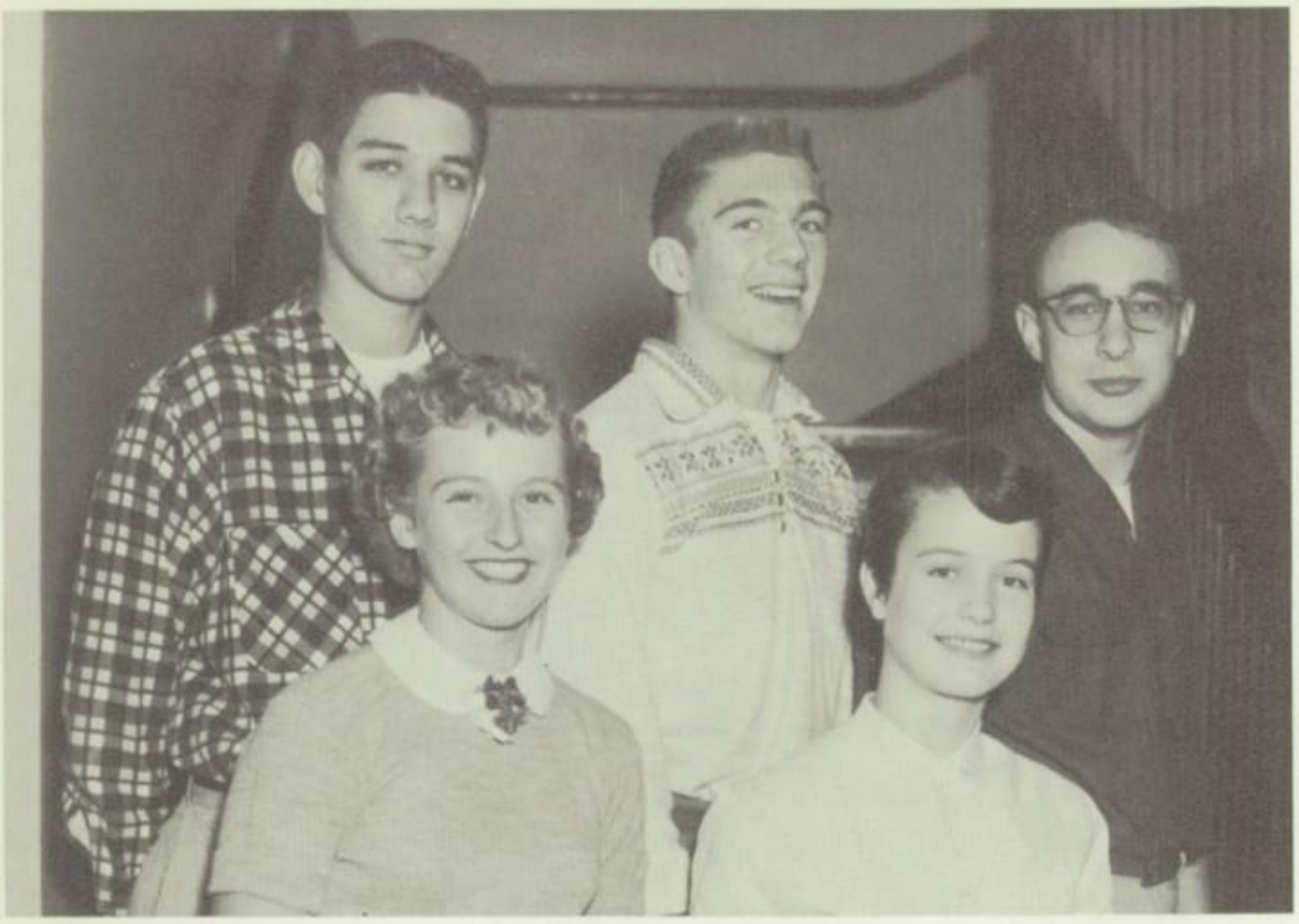




Cliff Bee, Carolyn Lean, Dick Bunce,
Judy Kruger, Dave Thomasma
Absent Julie Blue

Juniors

The junior class, 113 in number, has had a very active and busy year. They commenced the year by electing Dave Thomasma as President; Dick Bunce as Vice-President; Judy Kruger as Secretary; Carolyn Lean as Treasurer; and Julie Blue and Cliff Bee as Student Council Representatives.

The class sold football and basketball schedule pencils and published a student directory. They worked diligently in the concession stand during football games, sold candy and gum at basketball games, held a class party, and gave the J-Hop in honor of the seniors.

The class sponsors were Mr. Jacob Dewitt, the chairman, with Mr. William Galberach, Mrs. David Miller, Mr. James Chase, Mrs. Edward Seitz, and Mr. Robert Boyle assisting. These teachers were responsible for all of their social and money-making projects.

In the spring the juniors gave their first class play in the Sturges-Young Auditorium.

Abel, David
Adams, Jerroll
Alderman, Carol
Alldridge, Jean
Baker, Stuart

Bauer, Henry
Beall, John
Bee, Clifford
Benton, Richard
Bigelow, Phyllis

Blatter, Wm.
Blighton, Patricia
Blue, Julie
Bowdish, Diane
Bowman, Gary

Boyle, Steve
Bricker, Joanne
Brown, Lyman
Brown, Patricia
Brunson, Mary

Bunce, Richard
Burg, Eddie
Burke, Sandra
Clark, Janell
Crossman, Allen

Davis, Ted
Deal, Earl
Doubt, Barbara
Dunmeyer, Clara
Eagan, Dennis

Elliott, Ann
Fiegel, Marilyn
Flowers, Keith
Friend, Sharon
Garrison, Lewis

Gaskill, Robert
Geering, Phyllis
George, Loretta
Goethals, Kathleen
Grate, Dorothy

Hanko, Jim
Harker, Joyce
Hopkins, Robert
Horning, Francis
Horrom, Lorna

Hovda, Paul
Jackson, Gerald
Jackson, Michael
Kane, Janet
Keller, Paul

King, Karen
Kline, Sylvia
Kolb, Gloria
Krontz, Jack
Krontz, Leo

Kruger, Judith
Kulpinski, Frank
Lantz, David
Lawler, Joy
Lawler, Joyce

Laws, Stanley
Lean, Carolyn
Luedeke, Ron
Lukonski, Marlene
Mann, Jeanine

Marker, Jack
Martin, Stanley
McKerlie, Loretta
McNulty, Jean
Miller, Dewey

Miller, Kenneth
Monroe, Carl
Monroe, Joe
Morgan, Delma Joan
Nelson, Gerald

Parker, Earl
Perry, Phil
Phillips, Janet
Pierson, Bart
Purcell, John

Rambadt, Judith
Reed, Ned
Reid, Richard
Richards, Judy
Ridley, Toni

Ritter, Roy
Rivers, Charles
Rohrer, Larry
Runyan, Tom
Schroeder, Howard

Schutz, Donna
Schwartz, Joe
Shears, Royce
Siggins, George
Simmons, Sally

Simpson, Elynore
Smith, George
Stage, John
Strong, Kenneth
Strong, Jack

Stroup, Steve
Swalley, Joyce
Tarr, Max
Taylor, Sally
Thomasma, David

Tooley, Clyde
Werner, Albert
Wheeler, Carole
White, Tom
Willer, Bill

Wisler, Carolyn
Zimmerman, Bill

Sophomores

Karen Kitson, Tom Stapleton, Janet Reed, Dale Ropp, Sherrill Kershner.
Absent Jeannine Baylor

The tenth grade sponsors were: Mr. J. C. Perry, Mrs. Alta Anderson, Mr. Cecil DeHaven, and Mr. Hugh Tyler. Mr. Perry was the acting chairman. The sponsors helped plan parties, operate the hat and coat check at the basketball games, and give advice on class problems.

The results of the election that was held at the beginning of the year was: Dale Ropp, President; Karen Kitson, Vice-President; Jeannine Baylor, Secretary; Sherrill Kershner, Treasurer; Janet Reed, Student Council Representative for two years; and Tom Stapleton Student Council Representative for one year as a carry over from last year.

The money-making project for the sophomore class was the hat and coat check at all the home basketball games. The alumni room was used as a coat room.

The sophomore class was well representated on the cheerleading squad by Judy VanMeter and Karen Casey.

Adams, Gordon
Ankney, Roger
Arklie, Mary F.
Arney, Dan
Ayotte, Duaine

Babka, William
Baker, Barbara
Bauer, Carol
Baylor, Jeanine
Bevans, Nancy

Blackburn, Jane
Bleken, Sandra
Blighton, Jerry
Blood, Audra
Bogema, Charles

Bordner, Bruce
Bottomley, Sharlyn
Bower, Lucille
Bricker, Clifford
Brunson, John

Bupp, Elroy
Bupp, Janice
Burton, Dwain
Casey, Karen
Deal, Melvin

Church, Don
Cominator, Clyde
Crabill, Ben
Creamer, Linda
Cross, Robert

Cunnington, Ann
Davis, Mary
Davis, Judy
Demski, Robert
DeVries, Carol

Diggins, Carole
Diggins, Roger
DuVall, Dean
Eagan, Frances
Eckert, Patricia

Falkenstein, Bill
Fifer, Bernice
Flowers, Roland
Fox, Joan
Gage, Bill

Galbreath, Ronald
Geering, Chester
Gelvin, Pamela
Gerardo, JoAnn
Gest, Sandra

Godden, Janice
Guilford, Noel
Hansen, Yvonne
Harker, Doris
Heidenreich, Mary

Hickman, Tom
Hodgson, Sandra
Holshuh, Janet
Holtz, Roger
Homlar, Lola

Hood, Robert
Horning, Patricia
Hostetler, Rosalie
Housour, Adrienne
Howard, Alan

Johnson, Judith
Kasdorf, John
Kershner, Sherrill
Kessler, Jay
Keyser, Jerry

King, Arletta
Kipker, Sandra
Kitson, Karen
Knight, Sharon
Krontz, Cora

Krontz, Franklin
Lawniczak, Barbara
Lego, Vivian
Loetz, Fred
Lutz, Janice

Machan, Judy
Marks, Carole
McBride, Carolyn
McLaughlin, Beth
McLaughlin, Robert

Melchi, Jack
Meyers, Jerry
Mieras, David
Miller, Jim
Morrisson, Judith

Nelson, Gerald
Nelson, Ruthanne
Oxender, Karen
Packer, John
Pagels, Edward

Pappas, John
Parish, Beverly
Parker, Jim
Patterson, Linda
Perkins, Sara

Phillips, Margaret
Pierce, Kenneth
Pierson, Gerald
Pueschel, David
Quinn, Leland

Rawles, JoAnne
Ray, Linda
Reed, Janet
Reed, Stuart
Reick, Harold

Rippey, Joan
Rommel, Judith
Ropp, Dale
Rosine, Irene
Ryan, Janet

Sayles, Max
Schlarge, Jim
Shafer, Carol
Shook, Wayne
Smith, Audrey

Smith, Donna
Smith, JoAnn
Smith, Karen
Snyder, Charles
Stapleton, Tom

Stewart, Mary
Storms, Karen
Strait, Paul
Stults, Jeanne
Summey, Dalton

Sunday, Dwight
Swihart, Stewart
Taylor, Terry
Thomas, Richard
Tibbetts, John

Trehearne, Paul
Tometer, Gus
Troyer, Mary
Van Meter, Judith
Wagner, Frank

Wagner, Mary
Wall, Charles
Wallick, Lynne
Walters, Janet
Walters, Rosemary

Watts, Patricia
Wehrly, Sandra
Wentworth, Richard
Wenzel, John
Wilson, Dave

Woods, Mary
Yoder, Floyd
Young, Martha
Young, Rosemary
Zimmerman, David

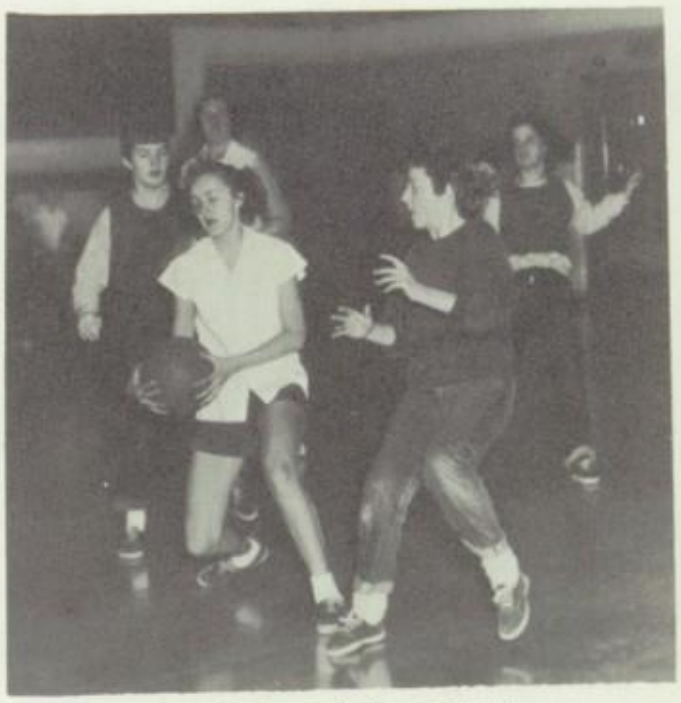
6-1: D. Baker, M. Girton, P. Eckert, T. Collins, D. Busz, E. Baker, D. Brew

6-2: D. Hopkins, D. Kisseberth, B. Losey, J. Morrill, V. Hoyt, C. Kirkpatrick, H. Heidenreich

6-3: P. Toth, J. Persing, B. Rohrer, J. Weaver, S. Weiderman, R. Stevens, H. Perkins

Lest We Forget

The ardent fans of the S.H.S. Trojans



Carol halts Judy's progress

Sue Weaver, Ronnie Magnus, Judy Bothamley, Jerry Darby, Judy Brebner.

Absent Ellen Crabill

Freshmen

This year the freshman class is composed of 163 students, one of the largest freshman classes ever to enroll in Sturgis High School.

Early in November, the election of class officers was held and the following students were elected: President, Ronnie Magnus; Vice-President, Jerry Darby; Secretary, Judy Brebner; Treasurer, Judy Bothamley; and Student Council Representatives, Ellen Crabill and Sue Weaver.

Joining into senior high activities have kept the "Freshies" busy throughout the entire school year. Last fall a number of students joined various clubs around school, including the Dramatics Club, G.A.A., and the Art Club. In the band department there was a large number of ninth graders ready to move up from the junior band to claim a chair in the senior band. The boys became interested in senior high sports, and the freshman have good reason to be proud of their football team, the Midgets. They ended the season with a record of six victories and no defeats.

The freshman have been guided along by these teachers acting as their sponsors: Mr. Harold Bowdish, chairman; Miss Elizabeth Whitelock; Mrs. Ruth Watson; Mr. Lou Lori; and Mr. Lee Carter.

Andrews, Nancy
Arklie, Terry
Barnell, Charles
Bauman, Howard
Boaz, Tom

Bontrager, Orville
Bothamley, Judy
Bowdish, Barbara
Bowdish, Dwight
Bowdish, Jerry

Bowman, Karen
Braham, Michael
Brebner, Judy
Briggs, Barbara
Briley, Wayne

Brown, Joann
Bushouse, David
Charron, Sue Ann
Chapman, Jim
Chesebro, David

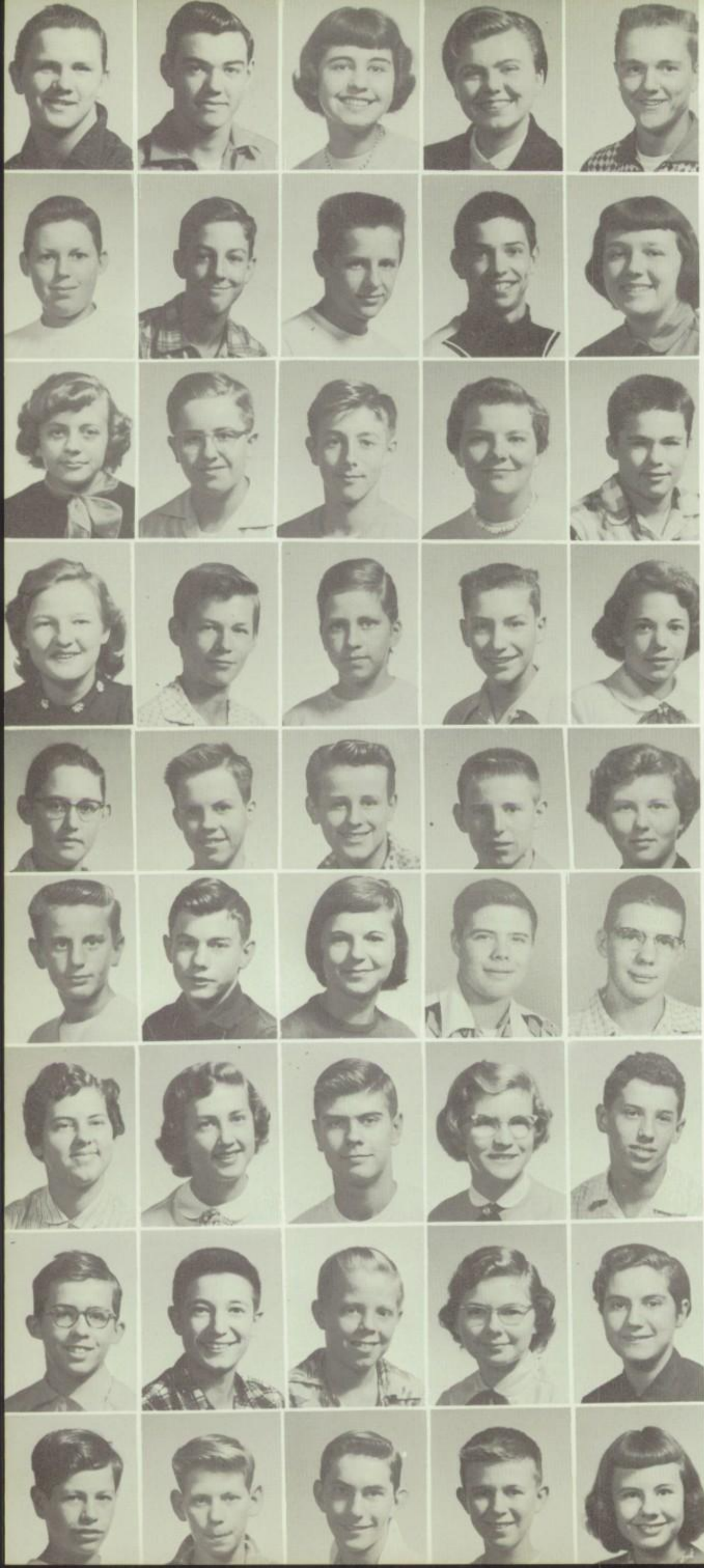
Conrad, Michael
Crabill, Ellen
Crawford, Kathryn
Cross, Bonnie
Crossman, Greg

Currier, Jim
Darby, Dave
Darby, Jerry
Davis, Bernard
Davis, Gwen

DeHaven, David
Dowty, Nancy
Duffy, Ray
Evert, Richard
Fager, Louise

Fair, Dorothy
Falkenstein, Charlene
Falkenstein, Janet
Fillers, Wanda
Fisk, Mary

Freeland, Jill
Friesner, Gloria
Frohriep, Donna
Gaskill, Peggy
George, Karen



Gibson, Larry
Gilhams, Jim
Goethals, Mary Ann
Good, Mary
Grabe, Richard

Grate, Larry
Grimes, John
Grove, Carl
Hagen, Robert
Harker, Janice

Hart, Burdena
Harter, Franklin
Harter, Gene
Hawkins, Mary
Hearld, Kenneth

Heitger, Betty
Holtz, Gary
Holtz, Jean
Holtz, Richard
Horrom, Janet

Howell, Jim
Hoyt, Jim
Jackson, Steven
Jamerson, Ronald
Johnsonbaugh, Mary

Jokila, Carl
Jourdan, Jim
Keyser, Sheila
Kimbel, Lawrence
Kimbel, Wayne

Kime, Judy
Kime, Mary
Kime, Richard
Kirby, Nancy
Kline, Roger

Kolady, Allen
Kraft, Larry
Lego, David
Lehmer, Marcia
Leihn, Karen

Lowery, Ellis
MacPherson, John
Magnus, Ronald
Malloy, David
Mark, Karen

Marks, Roger
McKercher, Mary E.
McKerlie, Charles
McNulty, Barbara
Meyers, Charles

Mieras, Janet
Miller, John
Milliman, Beverly
Milliman, Roger
Moore, Dorothy

Nelson, Dan
Norton, Melody
Ott, Alan
Parker, John
Parnin, David

Parr, Bonnie
Perkins, Gus
Perrin, Cynthia
Perry, Karen
Powers, Suellen

Purdy, Edward
Quirin, Jene
Ray, Monte
Reed, Charles
Reed, Mary Kay

Ritter, Elva
Rivers, Myrtle
Robbins, Sharon
Rommel, Joanna
Royeton, James

Runyan, Ruth
Schrader, Jeffry
Schroeder, Sharon
Sherman, Lana
Siegel, Joan

Sigler, Nancy
Sites, Sam
Smith, Ellen
Smith, Louise
Smith, Martyn

Stevens, Virginia
Stahl, Robert
Strong, Don
Studeman, James
Stump, Ruth

Summey, Janice
Summey, Jim
Tarr, Myron
Teadt, Janice
Thompson, Dixie

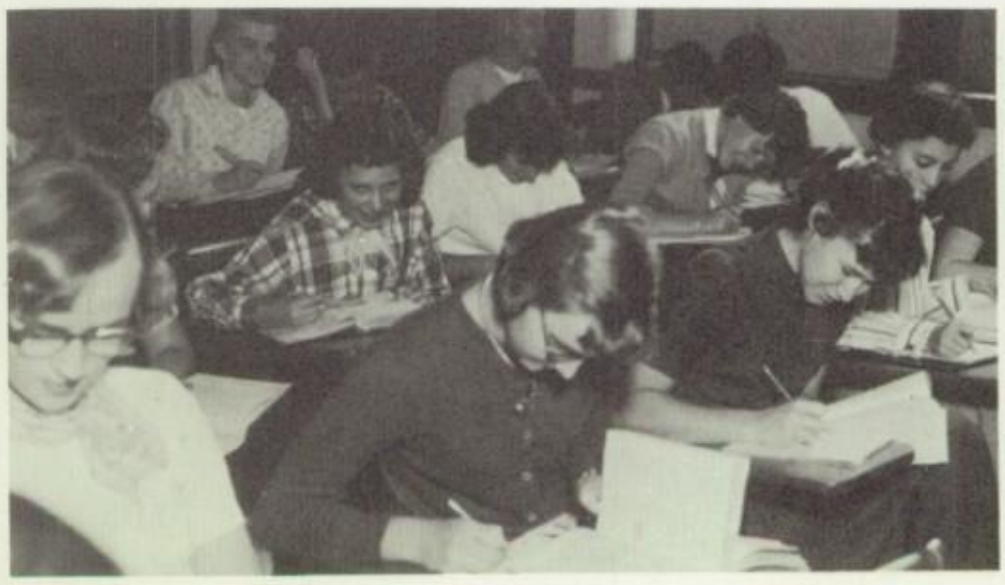
Tisdel, Marilyn
Todd, Jerry
Toth, Karl
Vanlandingham, John
VanVorst, Melvin

VanZile, Judy
Wallman, Larry
Washburn, Nancy
Weaver, Sally
Weaver, Sue

Wegner, Beverly
Welty, Sam
Wenzel, Dennis
West, Georgia
Wheeler, Eugene

Wiedlea, Jane
Will, Gloria
Wilson, Lois
Wright, Virginia
Wyer, Mary Lou

Young, Carol
Zachry, Mamie Dell
Zollman, Lillian



JUNIOR HIGH

First row: Joan Lean, Patricia Moulton, Janice Besser. **Second row:** Sonya Tibbott, Pat Porter, Dave Dobberteen,

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade sponsors were: Mrs. Helen Brokaw, Mr. Wayne Carpenter, Mr. Robert Finlay, Mr. Richard Maher, and Mrs. Mona Reick. Mrs. Brokaw was the acting chairman. The sponsors assisted in planning parties and trips and giving advice on class problems.

The election at the beginning of the year named Joan Lean, President; David Dobberteen, Vice-President; Patricia Moulton, Secretary; Sonya Tibbott, Treasurer; Janice Besser, Student Council Representative for two years; and Pat Porter, Student Council Representative for one year as a carry over from last year.

The eighth grade trip to Chicago this year was composed of visits to the following places: Bob's Place, for a small breakfast; Museum of Natural History and Aquarium; Y.M.C.A. Hotel, for one night's rest; Tribune Tower; The Art Museum; and last but not least the Museum of Science and Industry. The students returned home after a wonderful two days in the "Windy City".

Abbs, Judith
Addison, Cynthia
Agley, Randy
Alderman, Mary
Anderson, Merrilee

Ayres, Betsy
Baker, Annette
Baker, Dennis
Baker, Sharon
Bauman, Martha

Benson, Judy
Besser, Janice
Binkley, Jack
Bixler, David
Blanchard, John

Blood, Robert
Bogen, Sandra
Bordner, Ben
Bricker, Caryl
Broadwell, Sherry

Brothers, Ishmael
Brouse, Linda
Brown, Pat
Brumbaugh, Steve
Bunce, Charles

Bupp, Eleanore
Burkhead, Bill
Bushouse, Bill
Carpenter, Mary
Carpenter, Sharon

Carter, Sandra
Casto, Bill
Chesebro, Aletha
Cleveland, Edwin
Clouse, Barbara

Craw, Patricia
Crowell, Sharon
Curtis, Carl
Davis, Sharon
Deal, Sandra

Dell, LaDonna
Dewitt, Warren
Dibble, Linda
Dobberteen, David
Drapoo, Francis

Dumont, Joe
Eberhard, Edna
Eckert, Mike
Fair, Marylou
Finlay, Mary

Firth, Gerald
Forrest, Jean
Forrest, Robert
Fox, Brenda
Fraylick, Karen

Freeland, Wesley
Frohriep, Sharon
Garden, Armetia
Gay, Adgate
Geering, Irene

Gerow, Daniel
Gilbo, Marilyn
Godden, Violet
Goodrich, Margie
Grate, Kathryn

Griffioen, Donald
Guilford, Vicki
Haack, Bill
Hackenburg, Barbara
Hahn, Ray

Hayden, Bruce
Hays, Deloris
Hecht, Douglas
Hills, Sharon
Hilton, Susan

Hopkins, Janet
Horning, Ronald
Hovda, Marilyn
Howard, Roger
Hunt, Marsha

Huss, David
Jackson, Sharon
James, Linda
Jesse, Sue
Johnson, Kendra

Johnson, Terry
Kasmauskis, Allen
Keagle, John
Keller, Donald
King, Mary

King, Ronald
Kirkby, Norman
Krage, Ben
Krause, Rosanne
Lahmeyer, Denise

Laws, Arthur
Lean, Joan
Lepard, Paul
Littlefield, Luann
Lock, Larry

Long, Susanna
Machan, William
Main, Judy
McHuron, Joan
Millett, Jeffrey

Mollsen, Jim
Monroe, Sharon
Moulton, Patricia
Mustone, Judith
Nelson, Betty

Nordahl, Don
Nusbaum, Donald
Olds, Sharon
Ott, Melvin
Paxton, Karen

Perkins, Bill
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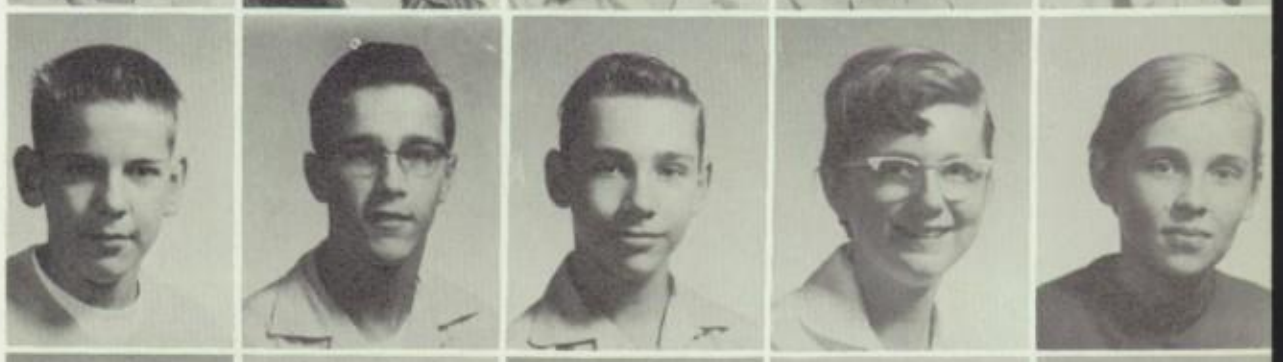
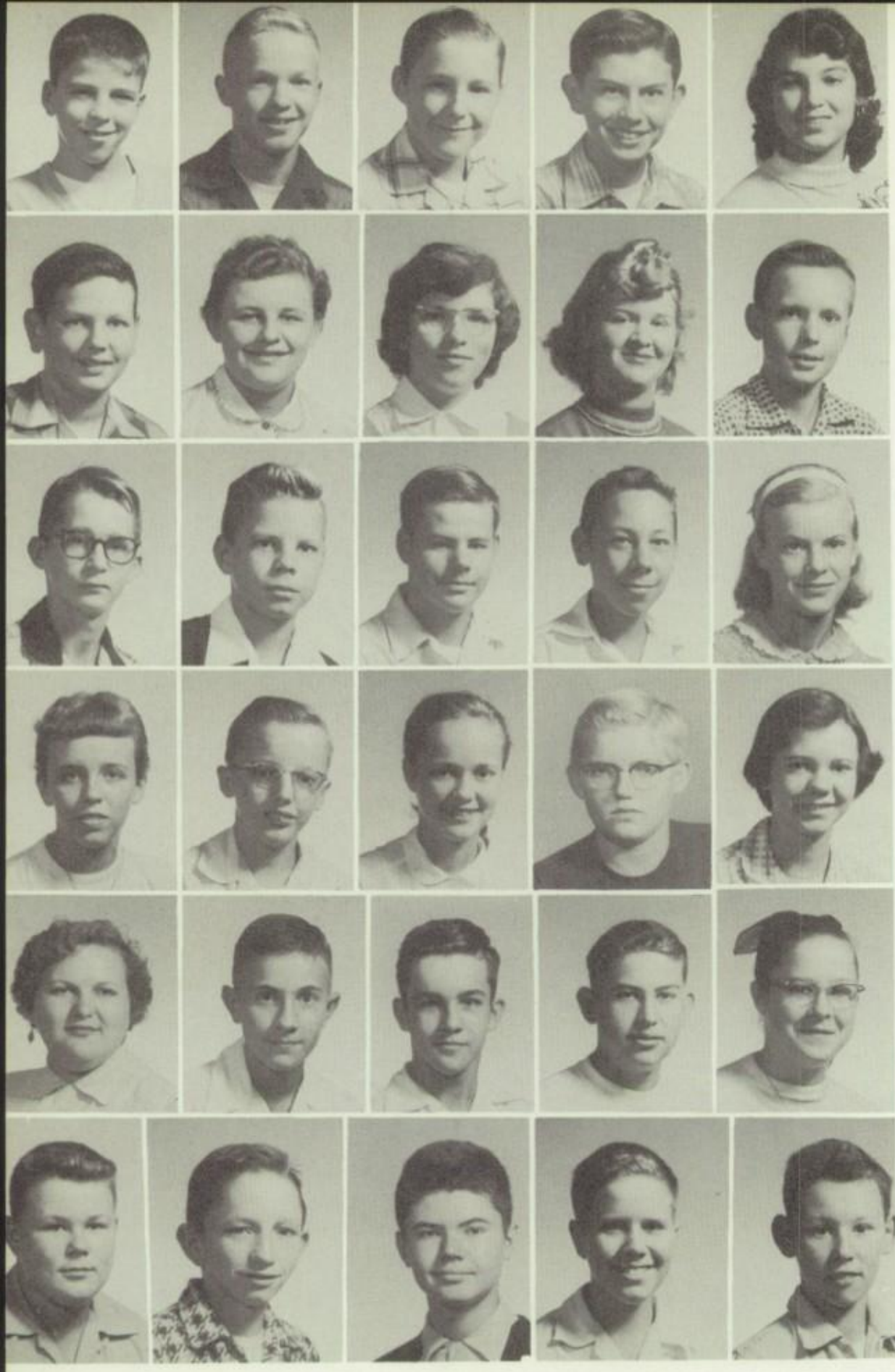
Pierson, Charles
Pinney, Jerry
Pinney, Steve

Porter, David
Porter, Patrick
Postma, Renn
Powers, Sally
Prince, Patty



Probst, Andy
Prough, Robert
Rambadt, Sarah
Ray, Darlene
Ray, Sharon

Reichard, David
Reuter, Roderick
Reynolds, Leon
Sayles, Charlotte
Seybert, Jeanne



Schlage, Robert
Sheldon, Eric
Sites, Charles
Slingerland, Dave
Smith, Dianne

Smith, Rendel
Somers, Karen
Sponsel, Marjorie
Stewart, Carolyn
Stewart, Raymond

Stowe, Minor
Stropaul, David
Sturgis, Matthew
Swihart, Gene
Tarr, Marjorie

Tibbott, Sonya
Tobias, Robert
Troyer, Barbara
Urick, Douglas
VanZile, Andrea

Vroman, Virginia
Wagner, Jim
Walker, Robert
Weitting, Don
Wetzel, Marlene

White, John
Wilson, Larry
Williamson, Paul
Young, James
Zickafoose, Eddie

The Roving Camera

A light in the night

The Roman Soldiers

Ye gad!!

A riotous growd!!

Women of the Air Force

The irrepressible Platterettes

Blackboard Bounce

Rudy Quirin, Linda Elliot, Terry Van-Meter, Lynette Hay, Ted Lindman.
Absent Sondra Siegel

Seventh Grade

This year our seventh graders have been moved to a different location. They are now occupying the rooms previously used by some of the grade school classes, which have transferred to the new Wall School.

The seventh graders have started their years in Sturgis High School with a total of one hundred and sixty students. This year there are five sections instead of the usual four of past years.

This was their first year of changing classes and getting used to the new routine. They also had to get acquainted with new subjects, teachers, and activities. They had the choice of three selective subjects which included junior band, chorus, and art.

The officers for the year were: Ted Lindman, President; Lynette Hay, Vice-President; Sondra Siegel, Secretary; Linda Elliot, Treasurer. The two year Student Council Representative was Rudy Quirin and the Representative for one year was Terry VanMeter.

The sponsors included Miss Floiad Collins, Miss Jessie Wakeman, Mrs. Eva Wheat, Mr. David Dillon, and Mr. Raymond Smith.

Best wishes to these seventh graders during their stay in Sturgis High.

Alldredge, Roger
Allen, Michael
Anderson, Charles
Andrews, Kay
Ankney, Jeanette

Arney, Martha
Augerbright, Earl
Auten, Pamela
Barnell, Jane
Beers, Donald

Bigelow, Frank
Bodley, Patricia
Bogen, Judith
Borkowski, Tommy
Boughton, John

Bowsher, Marcia
Boyle, Michael
Brooks, Mary
Brown, Margaret
Bundy, Gary

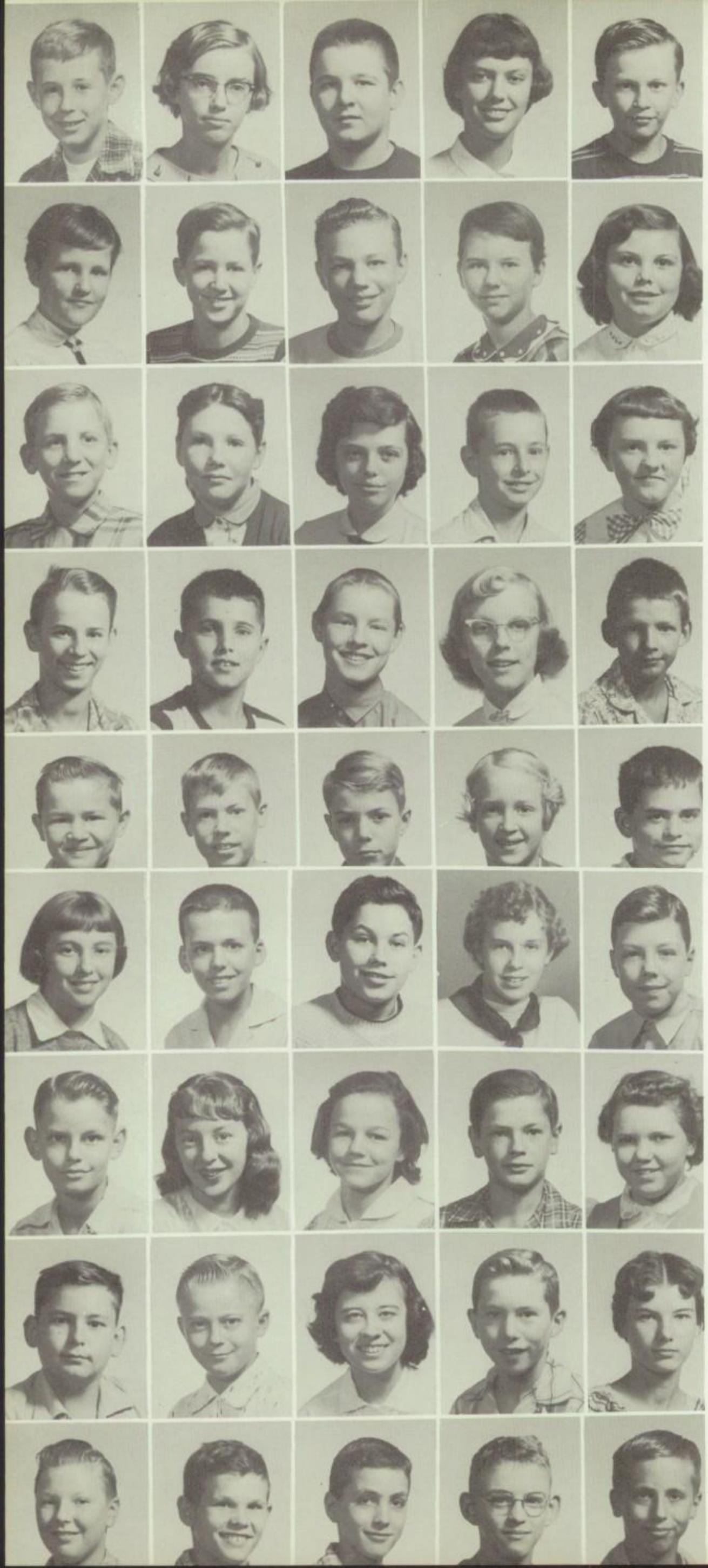
Burkhead, Mona
Burton, Joyce
Cameron, William
Carpenter, James
Casey, Michael

Chapman, Shirley
Clark, Roy
Clark, Judy
Clark, Susan
Clouse, Alice

Clouse, Mary
Clouse, Terry
Crabill, Thomas
Crissey, Carl
Curry, Tommy

Davis, John
Davis, Mark
Dell, Richard
Droud, Joyce
Duffy, Dennis

Ebel, Dennis
Elliott, Linda
Falkenstein, Dave
Falkenstein, Jon
Fisher, William



Freeman, James
Frick, Brenda
Friesner, Lynn
Frohriep, Joan
Frost, Robert

Fry, Barbara
Grabe, David
Grabe, Douglas
Graff, Linda
Grosky, Jana

Gustofson, Christopher
Hart, Mary
Hartsell, Janet
Hawkins, Terry
Hay, Lynette

Hayden, Floyd
Highland, Terrance
Hodgson, Linda
Holtz, Linda
Holtz, Terry

Hood, Earl
Hoover, Roxie
Horrom, Roger
Howard, Carol
Howard, James

Hudson, Sherron
Hunt, Thomas
Jannota, Harvey
Jenner, Carolyn
Jones, David

Jones, Raymond
Jordan, Gloria
Jourdan, Brenda
Kasmauskis, Norman
Keagle, Jean

Kelly, Alan
Kelly, David
Kime, Judy
Kitson, Phillip
Kline, Lew Jean

Krause, Kenneth
Kreps, Ronald
Krontz, Bruce
Large, Robert
Laughlin, Charles

Leatherman, Virgil
Ledyard, Herbert
Lindman, Theodore
Long, Richard
Losey, Penny

Losey, Susan
Luedders, Jerry
Lytle, Robert
Machan, Jean
Malone, Patricia

Mead, Barbara
Melchi, Eugene
Munday, William
Norton, Luanne
Norton, Suanne

Otto, Margie
Oxender, Marjorie
Parish, John
Patrick, Larry
Pierce, Rose

Pierson, Paula
Poffenberger, Terry
Poley, Diana
Quinn, Marcia
Quirin, Rudy

Rak, Jimmy
Reed, Kathryn
Reuter, Stephen
Ridley, Terry
Riley, Otis

Rippey, Hisle
Ritter, Thurman
Roberts, Danny
Rohrer, Lloyd
Sadewasser, Phyllis

Sargent, Carole
Sauer, Linda
Schmidt, Helen
Schrader, Harold
Shears, Roger

Shiplett, Herbert
Siegel, Sondra
Simpson, Betty
Sites, Sara
Smith, Leland

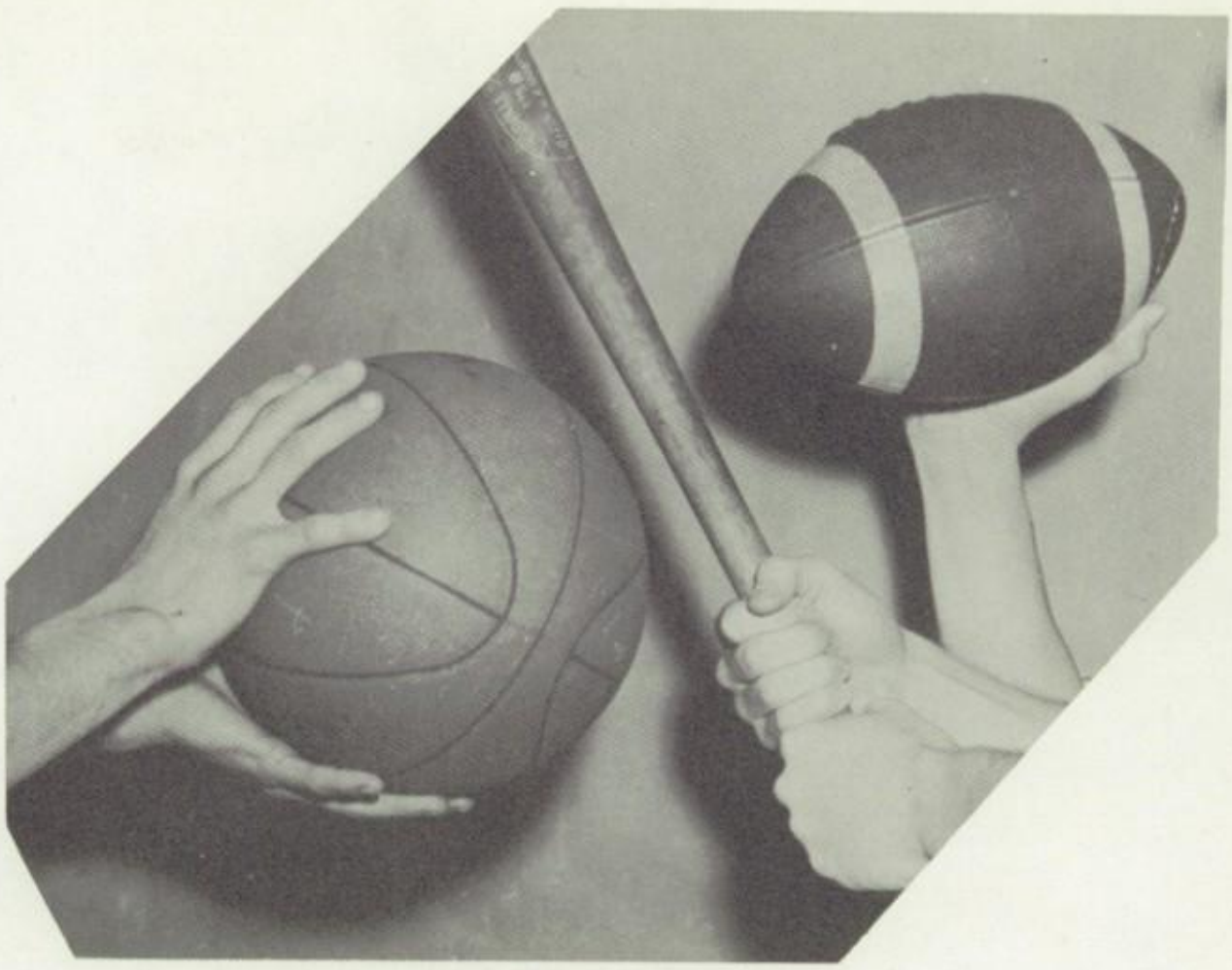
Sprowl, Sandra
Stevens, David
Stewart, Nancy
Storms, Mary
Straehley, Ralph

Strange, John
Stroup, Danny
Stults, Robert
Swihart, Bonnie
Teeters, Carolyn

Tisdel, Donald
Turner, Brent
VanMeter, Terry
VanVorst, Zola
Vernon, Carole

Wagner, Dixie
Weaver, Brian
Wehrly, Gail
Weske, Ward
West, Alice

Westra, Louise
Wyer, Linda
Young, Judy
Yunker, Stephen



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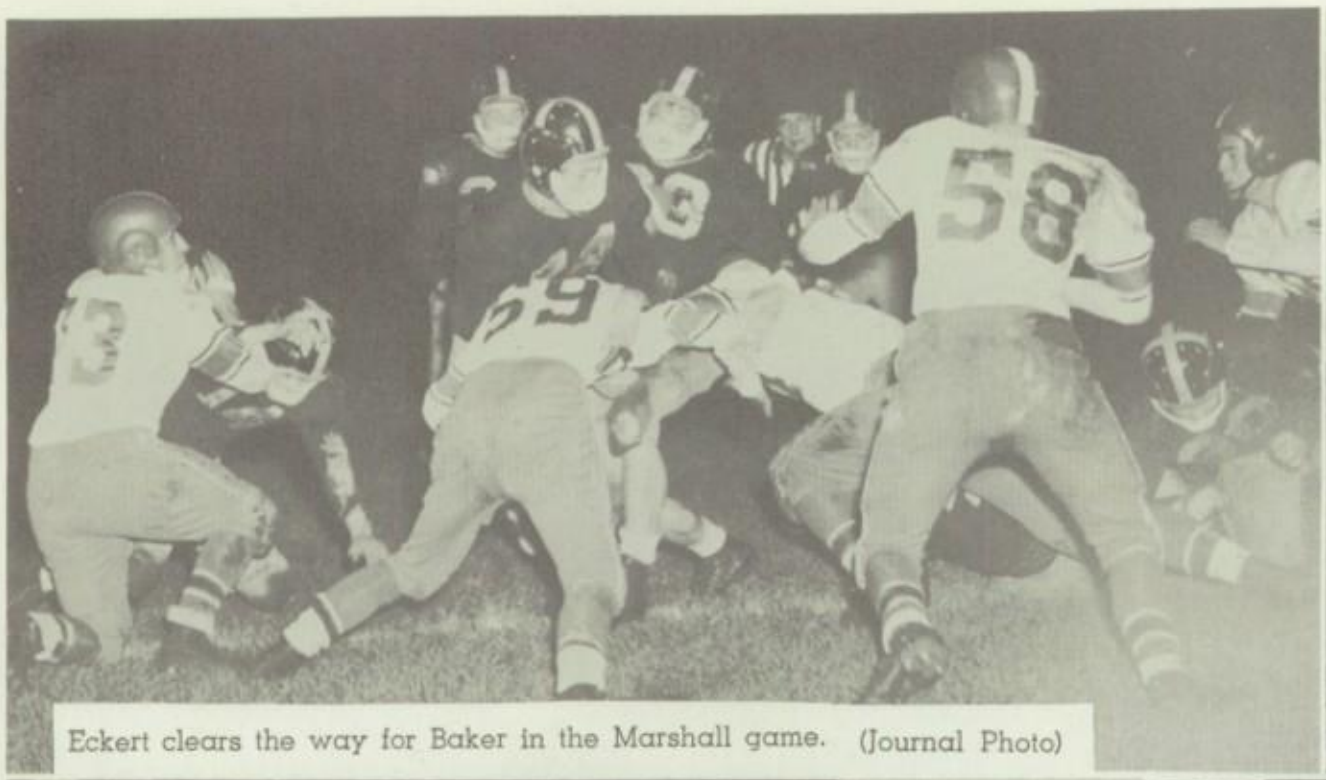
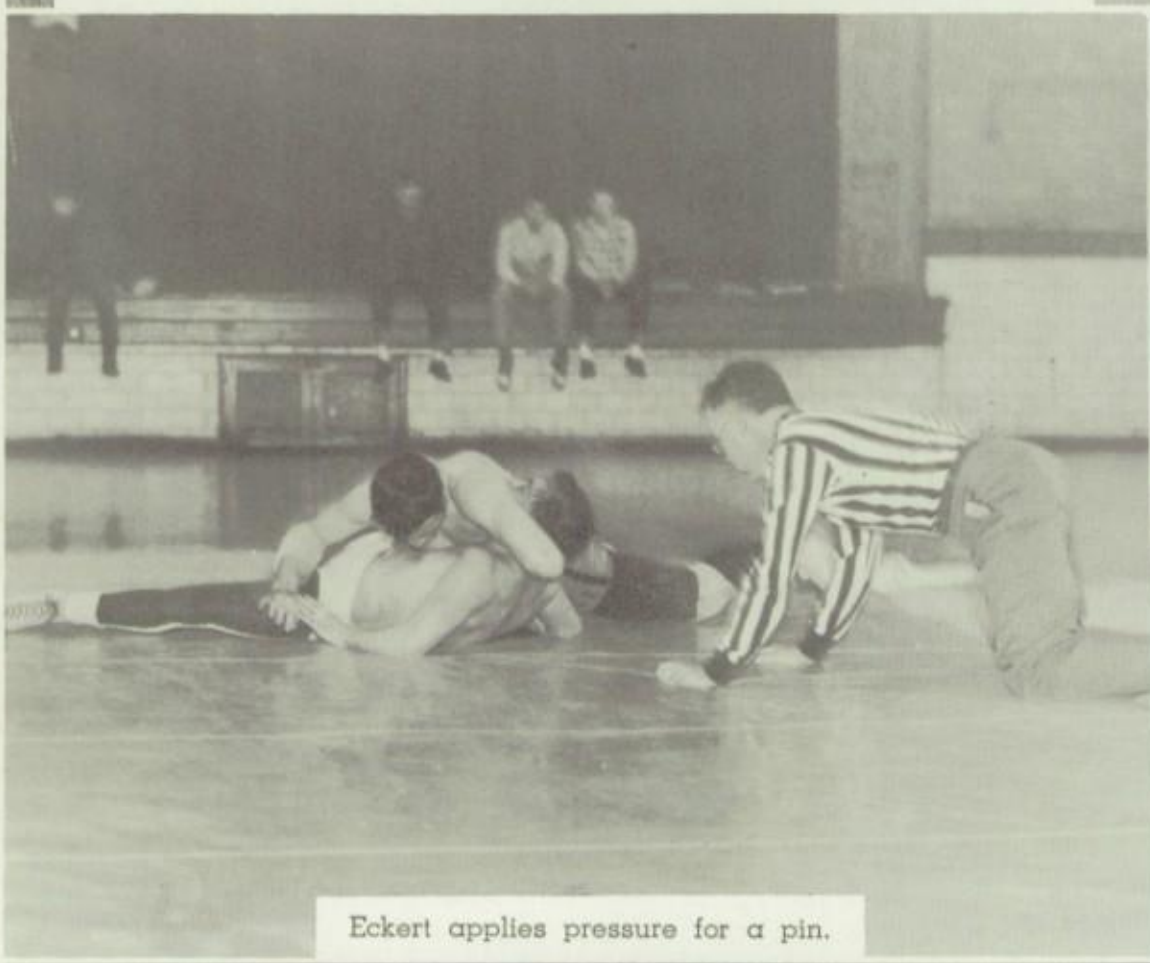
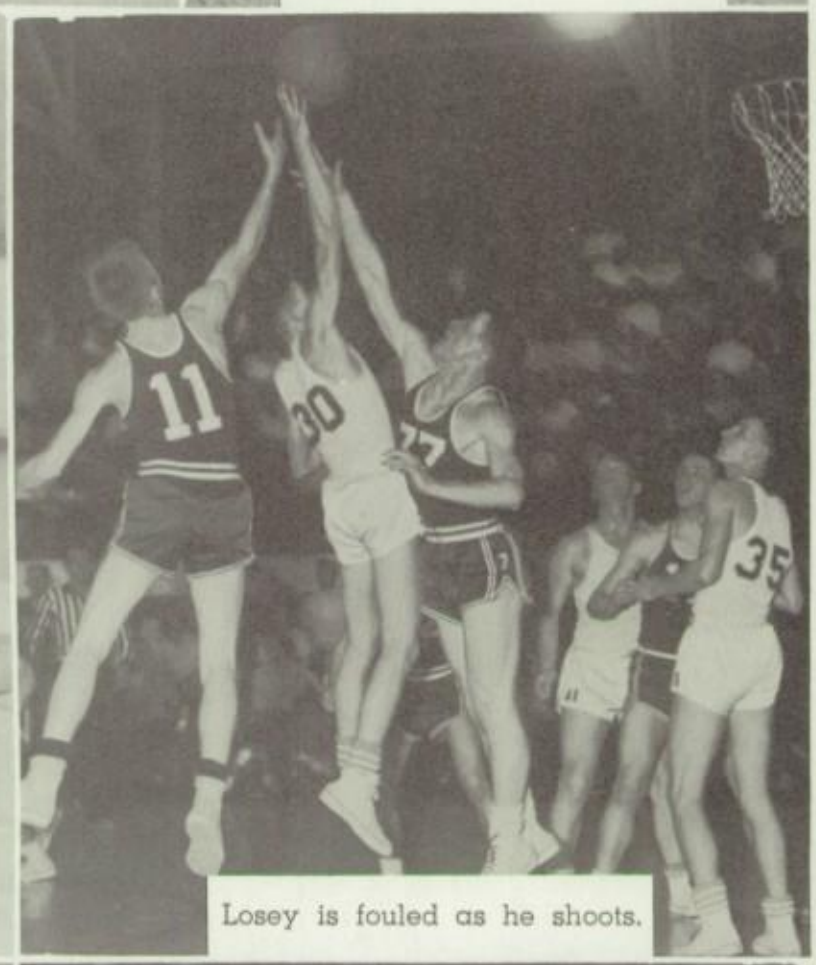


Eckert clears the way for Baker in the Marshall game. (Journal Photo)

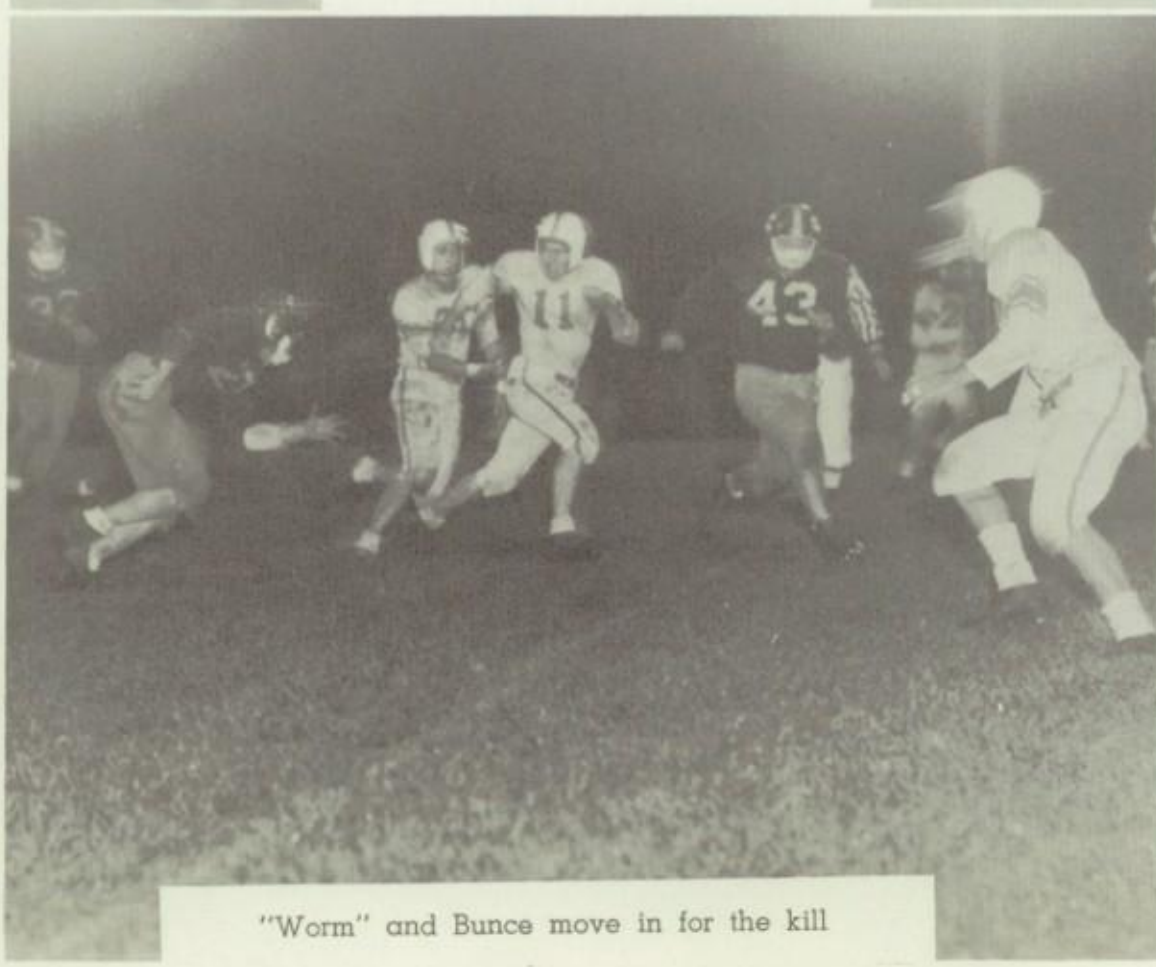
Keeslar clears the hurdles.



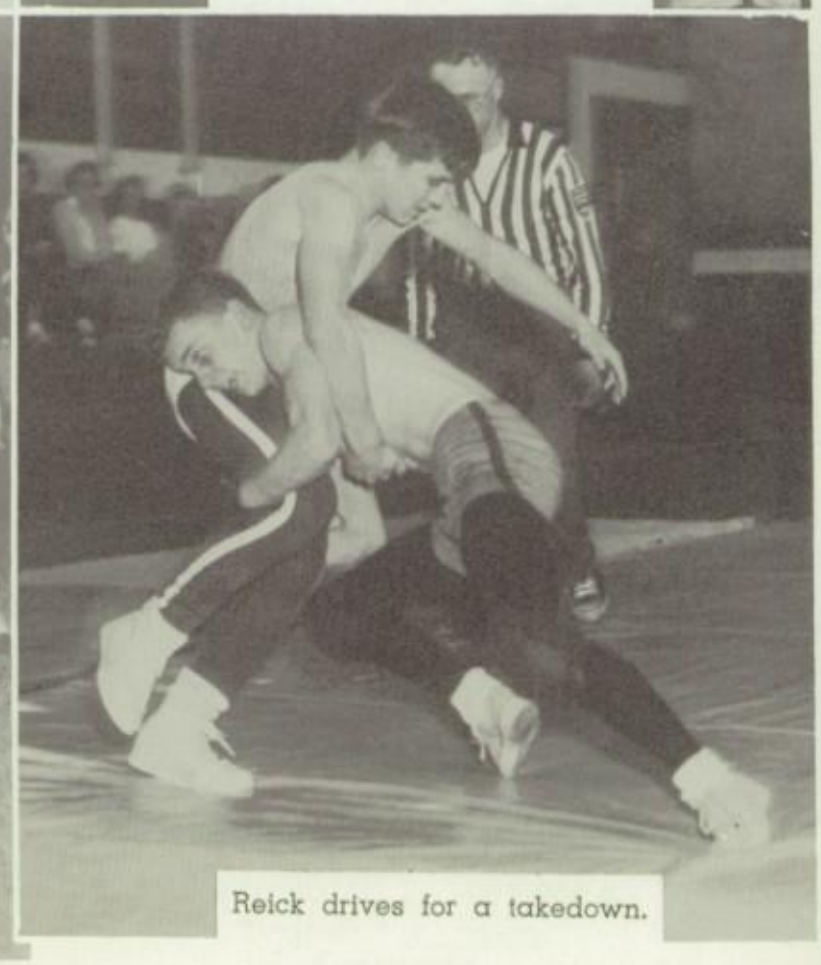
Eckert applies pressure for a pin.



Losey is fouled as he shoots.



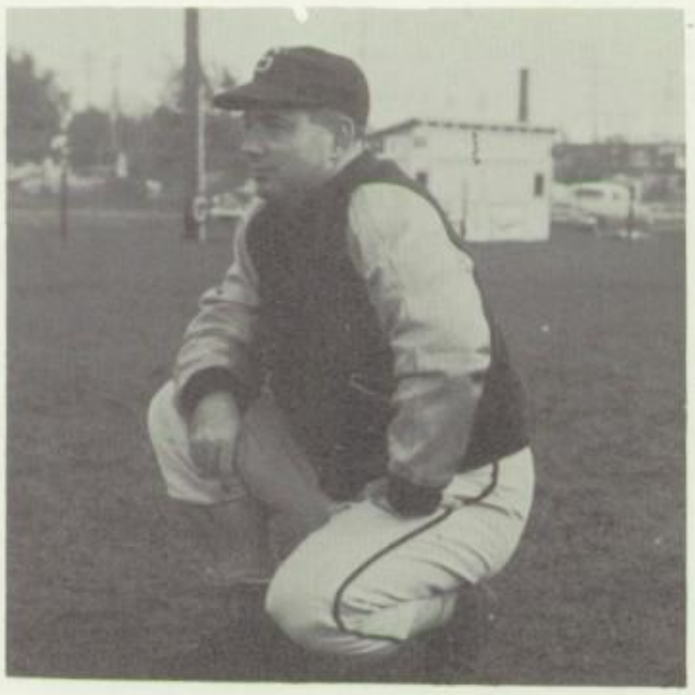
"Worm" and Bunce move in for the kill



Reick drives for a takedown.

Coach Lori

Varsity Football



Coach Maher

Twin Valley Standings

Albion	6	1	0
East Lansing	6	1	0
Lakeview	6	1	0
Marshall	4	3	0
Sturgis	2	4	1
Adrian	1	4	2
Three Rivers	1	5	1
Coldwater	0	7	0

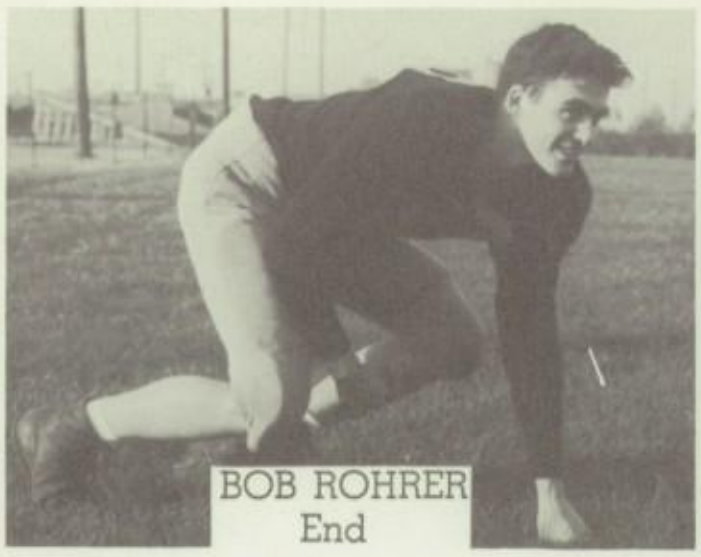
Although the Trojans finished the season with a 2-5-1 record, the boys played a much better season than the scores reveal.

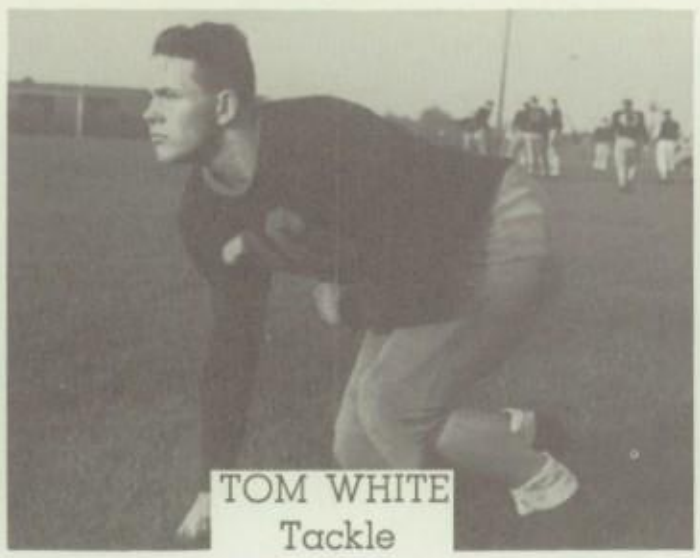
The team got off to a poor start with a 6-0 loss to Bronson and the following week lost to Lakeview 20-6. In the next game with Adrian, the team was held to a 13-13 tie, but from that point on began to improve.

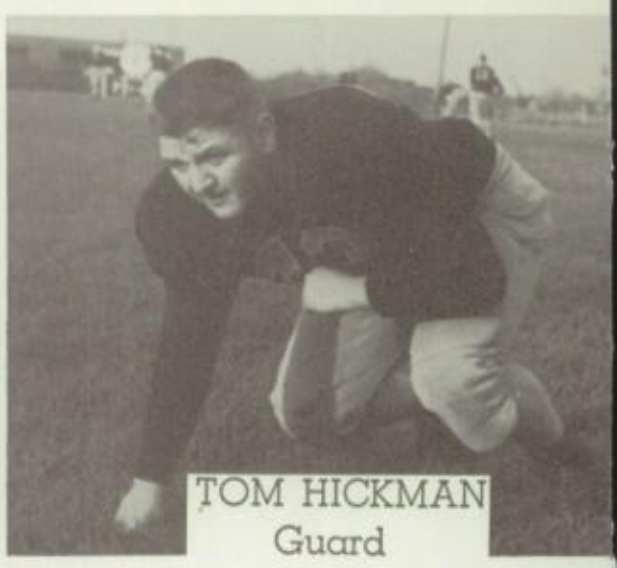
Although we dropped the following game to Marshall 21-12, we showed a lot of offensive power. The next game was the one the team had been waiting for for three years, and they showed it as they downed Three Rivers 13-0. In the East Lansing game the team got off to a fast start, and the East Lansing squad had to make a desperate second-half comeback to win 19-12. A week later we put up a terrific battle in the Homecoming Game. Although we lost 13-6, the closing gun found us on the one foot line. In the last game of the season, with some of our top men out with injuries, we downed Coldwater 12-0.

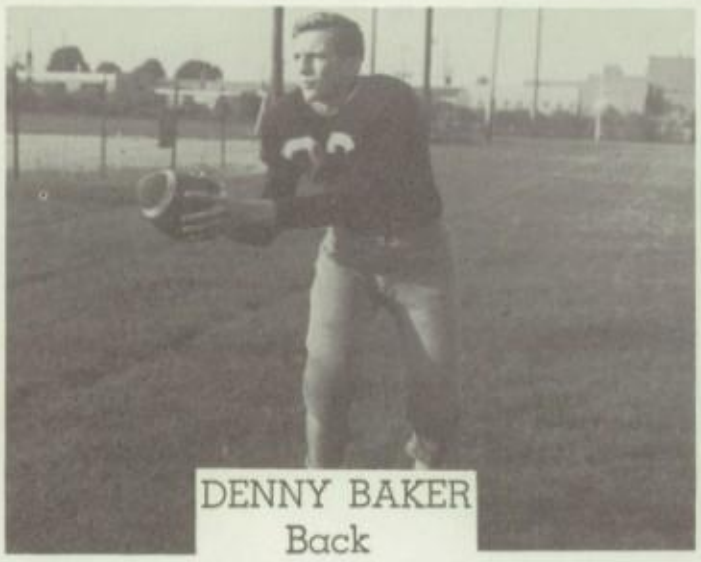
At the end of the season Ricky Guilford was named All-Conference tackle with Dick Bunce, Paul Eckert, Paul Toth, and Denny Baker receiving honorable mention. Guilford and Toth also made All-State honorable mention.

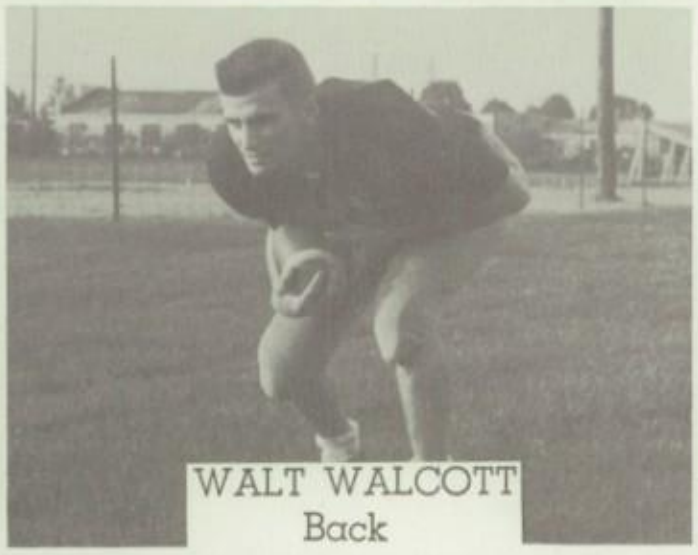
Sturgis	0	Bronson	6
Sturgis	6	Lakeview	20
Sturgis	13	Adrian	13
Sturgis	12	Marshall	21
Sturgis	13	Three Rivers	0
Sturgis	12	East Lansing	19
Sturgis	6	Albion	13
Sturgis	12	Coldwater	0


BOB ROHRER
End


TOM WHITE
Tackle


TOM HICKMAN
Guard


DENNY BAKER
Back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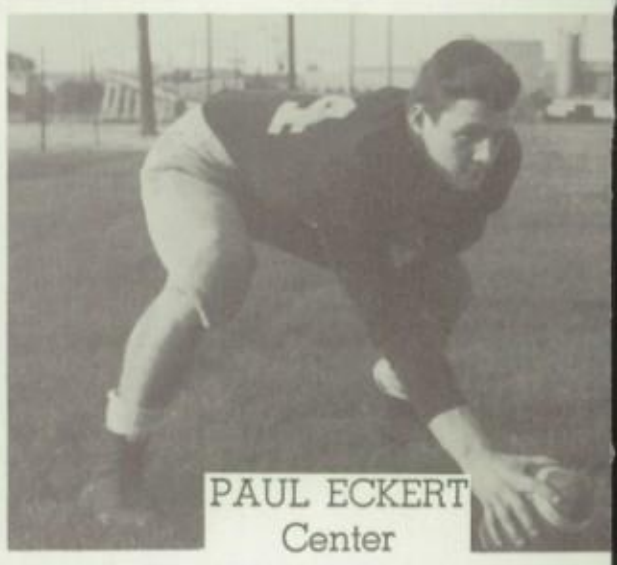
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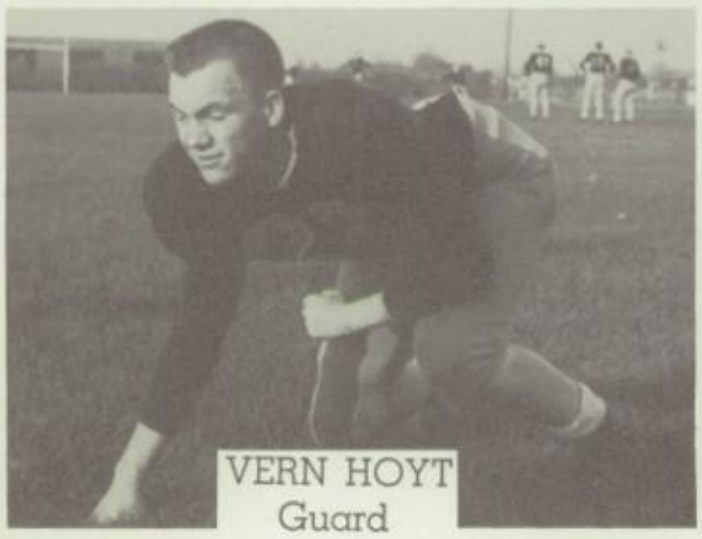
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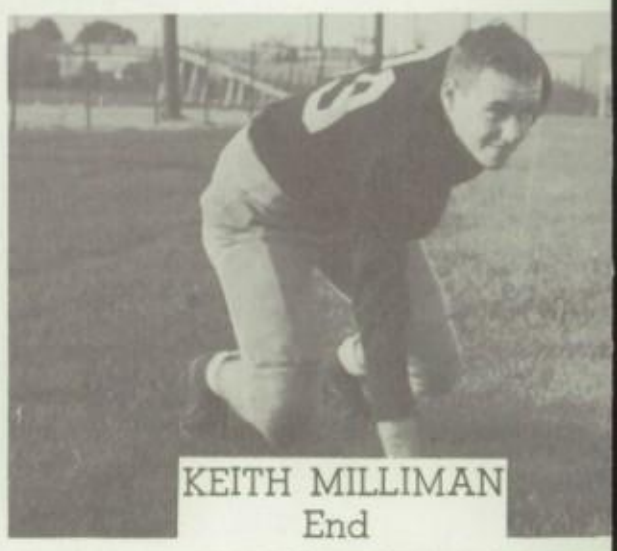
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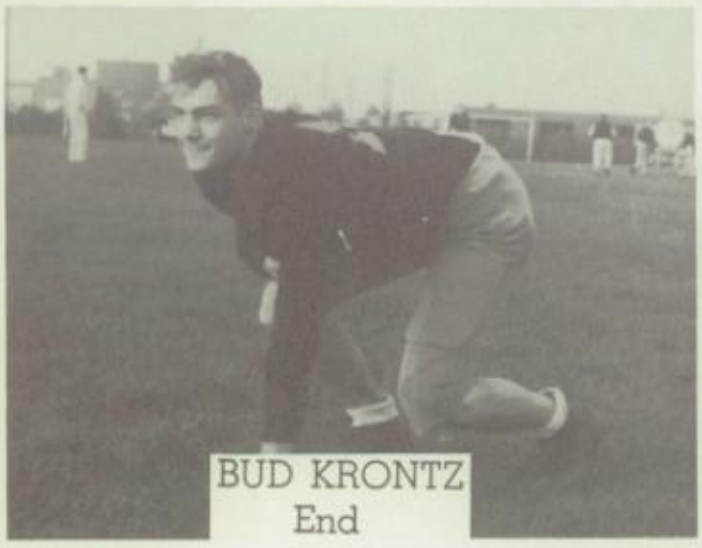
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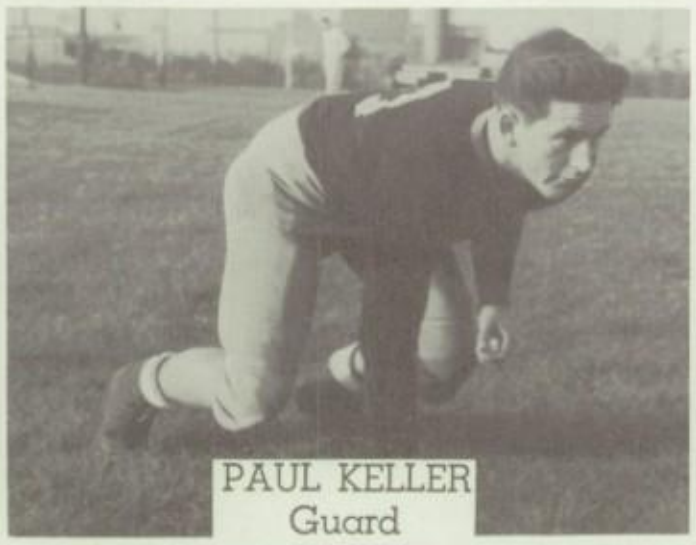
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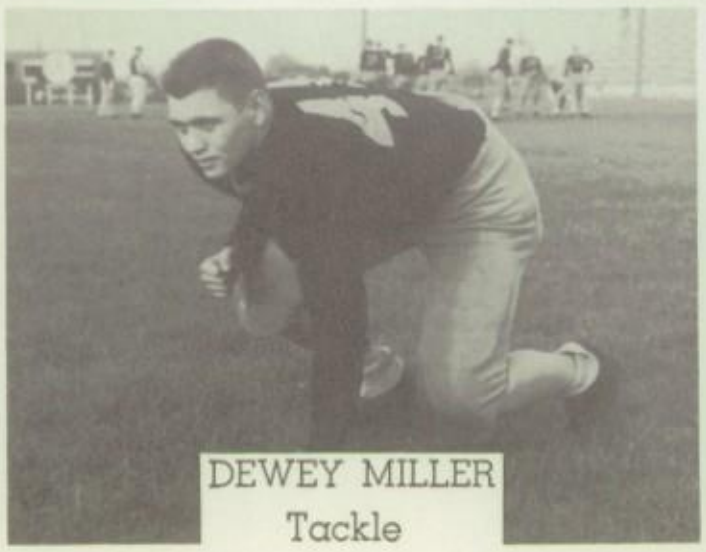
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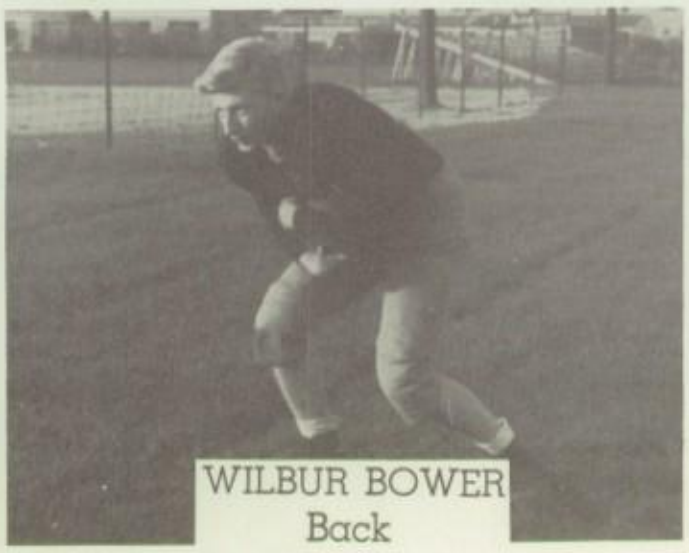
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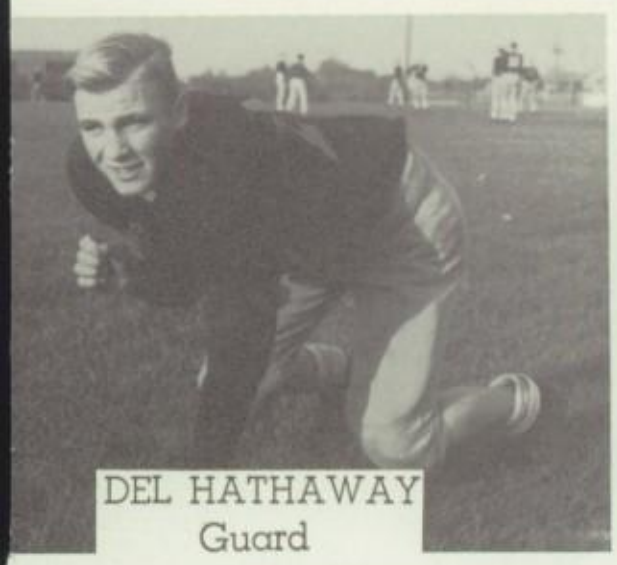
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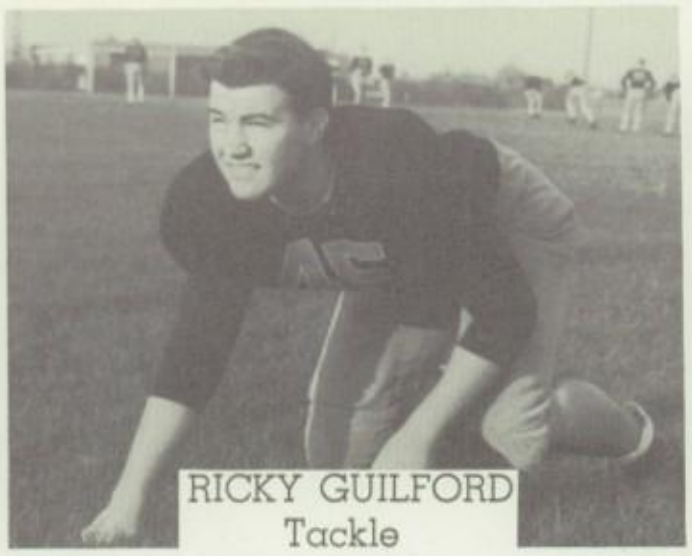
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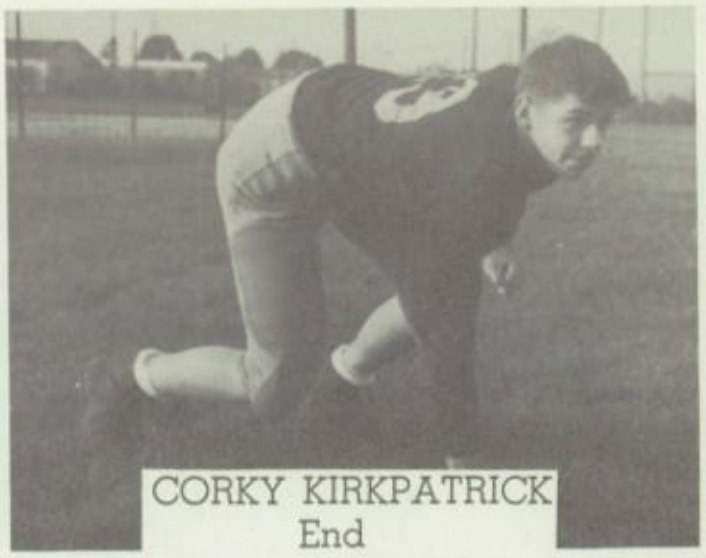
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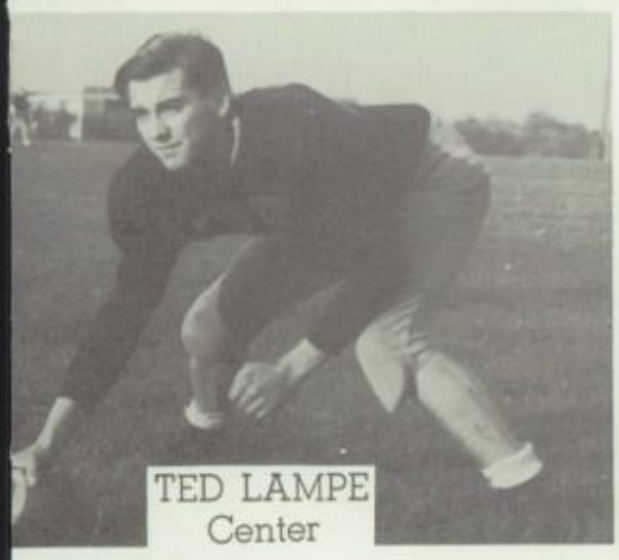
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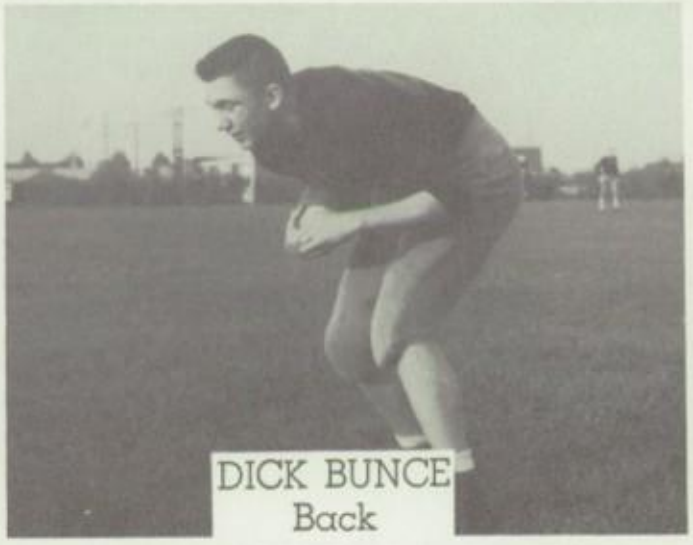
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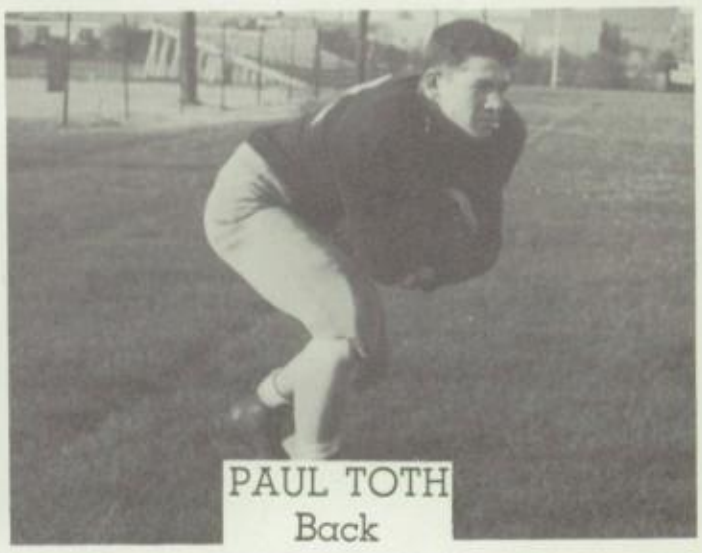
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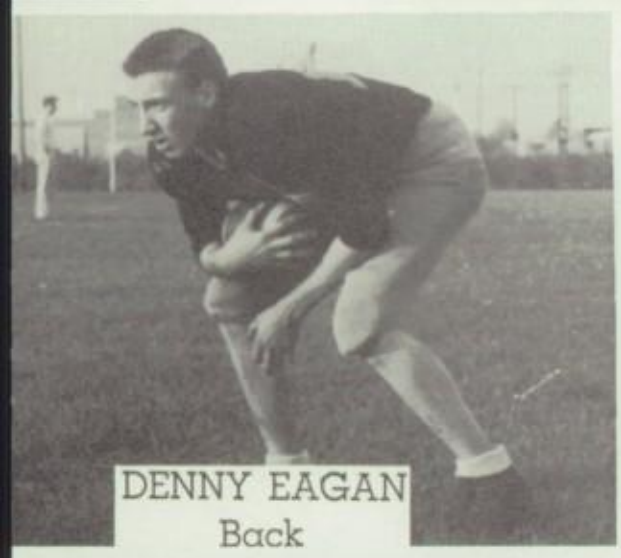
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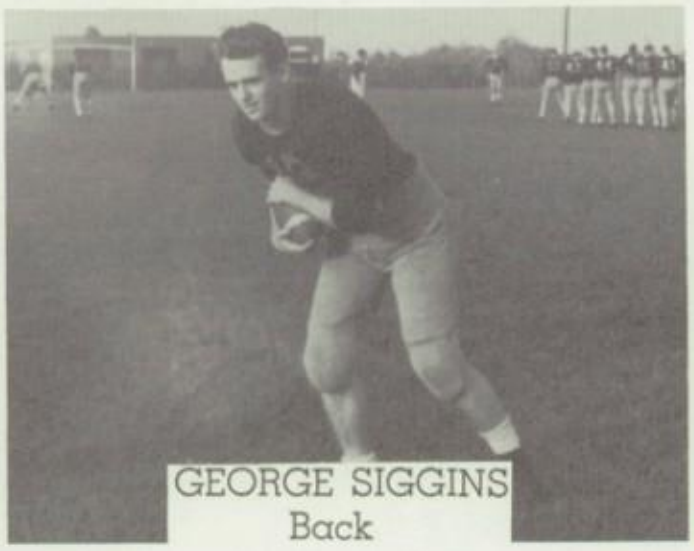
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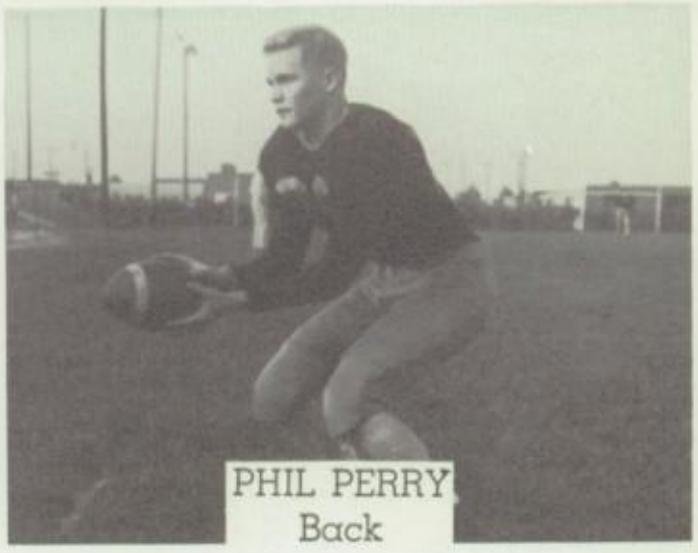
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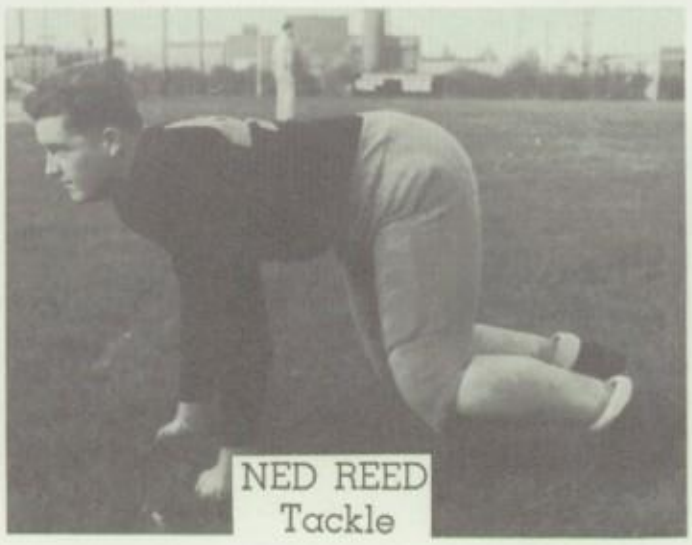
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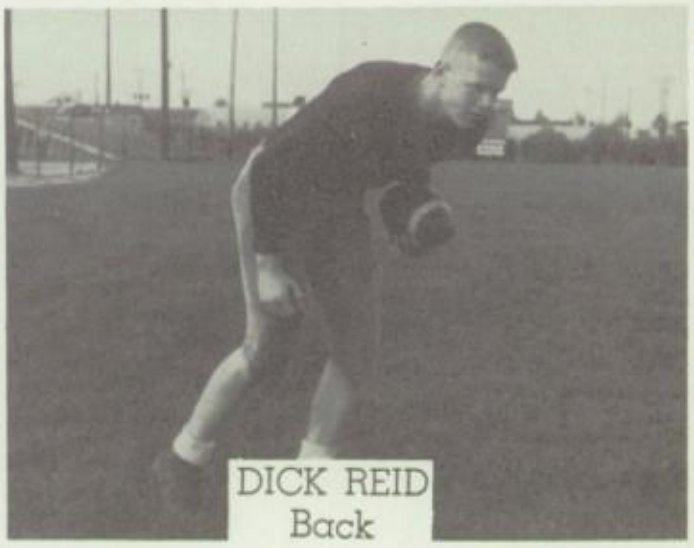
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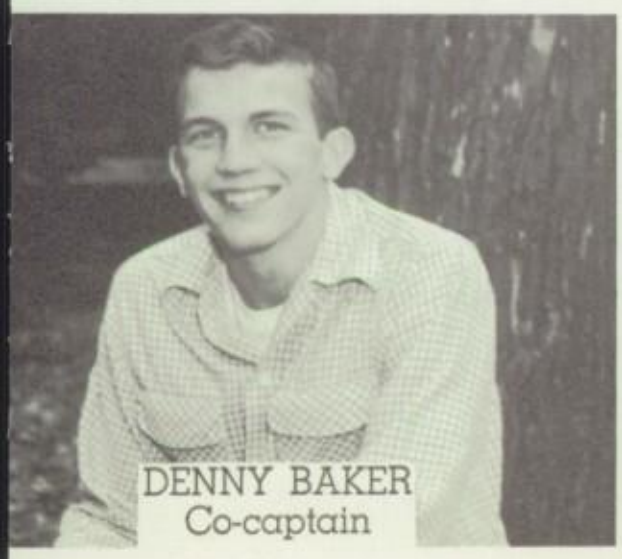
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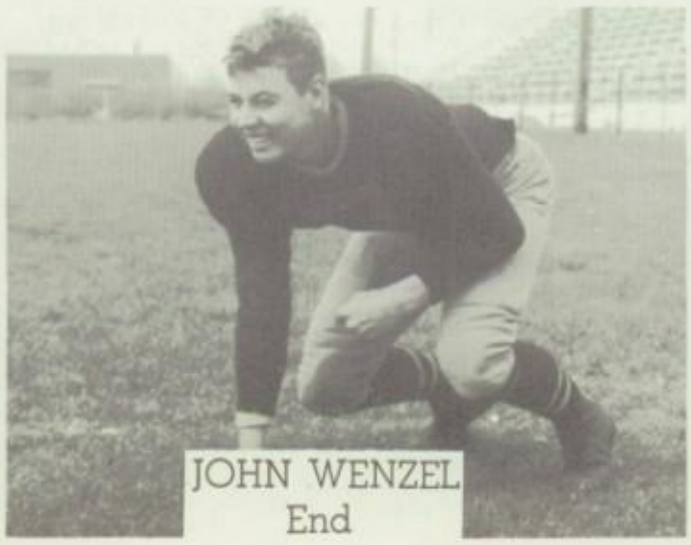
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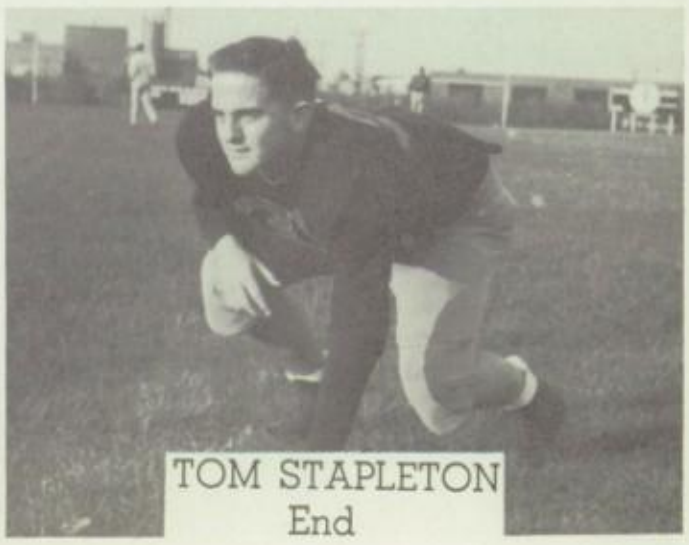
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Reserves

This was Coach Dillon's first year with the reserves since 1950 and the team came through with a very respectable record of three wins and two losses. In the first game the team scored an easy 20-0 victory over the Coldwater Reserves. The next game was a heart-breaking loss to a tough Lakeview reserve squad. Trailing 13-6 late in the fourth quarter, our squad drove for a touchdown but was unable to convert leaving the final score 13-12. The next game, a 26-12 victory, began a three game series with the Three Rivers reserves. The following week our boys were beaten 18-6 but bounced back in their final game of the season with a 13-6 win.

Midgets

The midgets this year completed their second straight undefeated season and extended their winning streak to 16 games. In their first two games they beat Three Rivers 20-12 and a close one 7-6. From then on they were unscored upon, defeating Bronson 53-0 and 35-0, White Pigeon Reserves 27-0, and Constantine Reserves 7-0. The boys had one of the best defensive teams in quite a few years, as they held their opponents to 18 points and showed good offensive power in scoring 149 points. The team chose right end, Marty Smith and right guard, Larry Gibson, as honorary team captains. Coach Finlay thinks the boys have good "stuff" and should make good Varsity and Reserve material.

First Row: O. Bontrager, S. Sites, D. Parnin, D. Nelson, D. Lego, C. McKerlie, J. Bowdish, J. Royeton, M. Ott **Second Row:** R Holtz, G. Quirin, W. Briley, E. Purdy, L. Gibson, D. Wenzel, R. Grabe, C. Barnell, R Duffy, M. Smith, R. Milliman. **Third Row:** D. Bushouse, T. Arklie, J. Todd, D. DeHaven, J. Darby, D. Darby, R. Magnus, K. Toth, R. Jamerson, K. Hearld, M. Braham, Coach Finlay G. Crossman.

Coach Dillon

Varsity Basketball

1955-56 RECORD

Sturgis	61	East Lansing	55
Sturgis	68	Albion	67
Sturgis	60	Adrian	61
Sturgis	74	Lakeview	71
Sturgis	68	Coldwater	50
Sturgis	68	Three Rivers	59
Sturgis	62	Bronson	45
Sturgis	75	Marshall	64
Sturgis	64	East Lansing	62
Sturgis	62	Albion	53
Sturgis	55	Lakeview	67
Sturgis	84	Bronson	78
Sturgis	80	Coldwater	57
Sturgis	64	Three Rivers	46
Sturgis	74	Marshall	44
Sturgis	86	Adrian	55

Managers: Tom White and Paul Trehearne Scorekeeper: Mel Girton

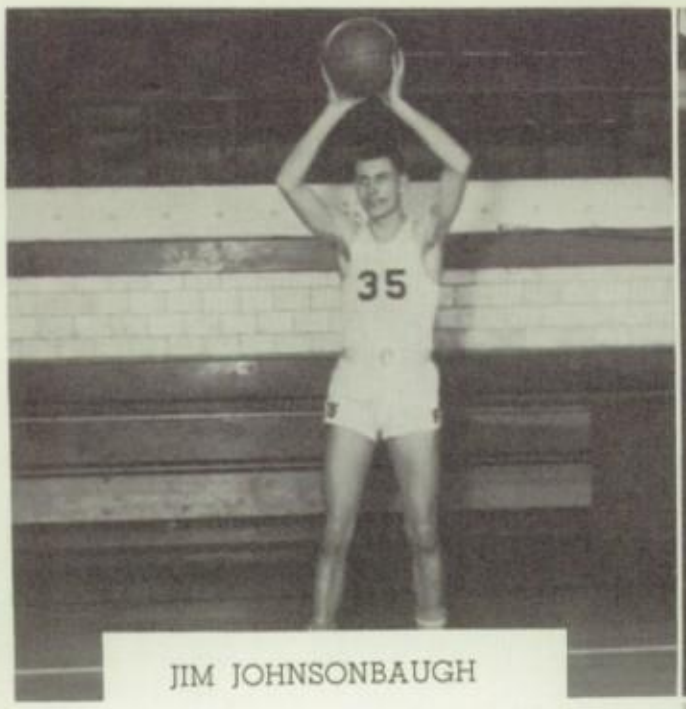
Co-Champs! For the first time in ten years the Trojan basketball team got a share of the Twin Valley Championship. With a conference record of twelve wins and two losses, the team shared the championship with Lakeview.

Besides the twelve wins in conference play, the Trojans picked up two wins against Bronson and dropped its first tournament game to Three Rivers giving the team an over all season record of sixteen wins and three losses.

The most remarkable thing about the team and probably the main factor contributing to its success was the bench strength. At any time Coach Dillon could call on anyone on the bench, send him into the game, and expect him to do a very good job. This fact was probably most dramatically shown in the second Three Rivers game when Coach Dillon replaced all five starters, and the team went on to win.

Not only was the team well rounded in team strength but also in individual skills. Our most outstanding scorer was Jim Johnsonbaugh. Jim scored 289 points infourteen conference games to give him a 20.6 point per game average. While Jim was scoring from his guard spot, forward Bill Losey was adding points with a high looping two hand set shot. Steve Boyle playing center was a big scoring threat and also a good rebounder. Dave Hopkins playing a forward used his jumping ability and weight to clear the boards time after time. Denny Baker was the spark plug and drive of the team playing at his guard slot. Rohrer, Wenzel, and Kirkpatrick were capable of doing a lot of rebounding from the center and forward slots. John Morrill was a scoring threat with his one hand set or jump shot from either a guard or forward slot, and Cliff Bee added his shooting and rebounding ability at a forward. At the guards were three boys who handled the ball very well and racked up vital points: Ken Strang, Richard Reid, and John Weaver.

Kneeling: R. Reid, D. Baker, B. Losey, J. Morrill, K. Strang.
Standing: C. Kirkpatrick, R. Rohrer, C. Bee, J. Wenzel, S. Boyle, J. Johnsonbaugh, J. Weaver, D. Hopkins.



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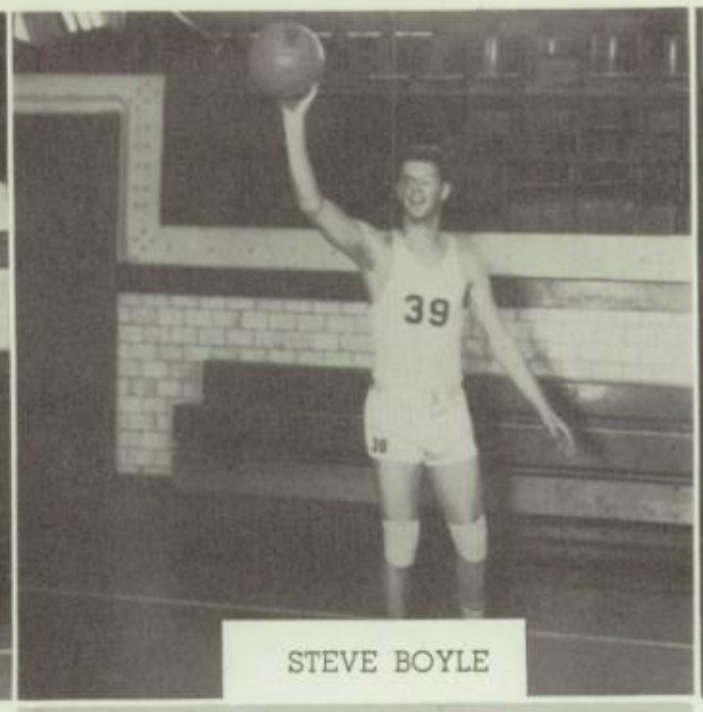

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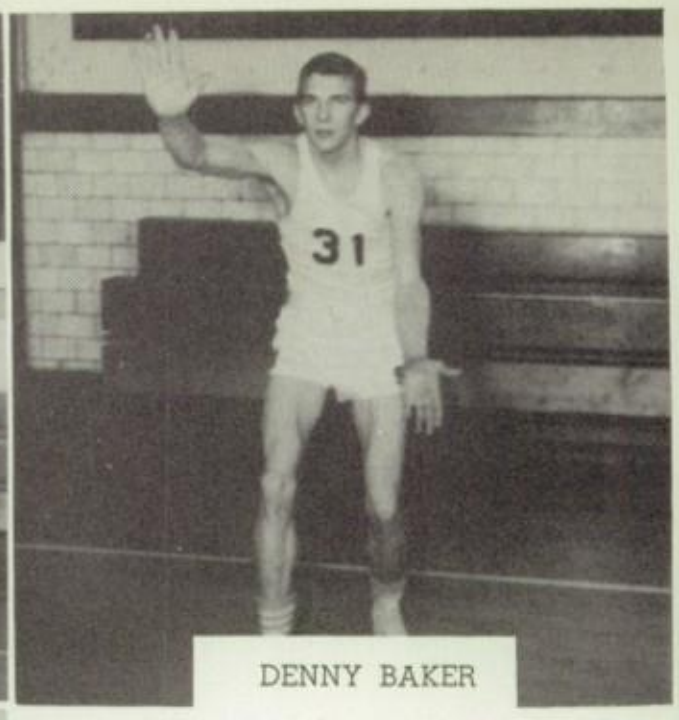

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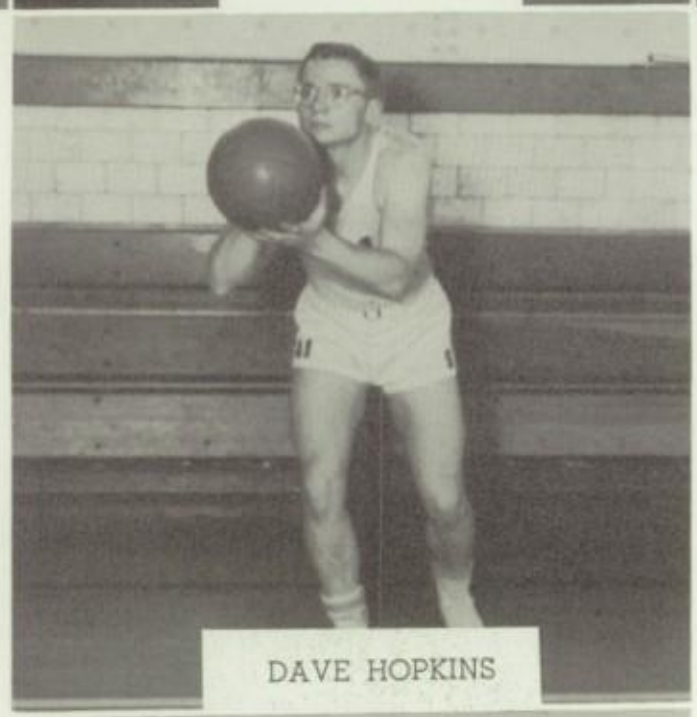

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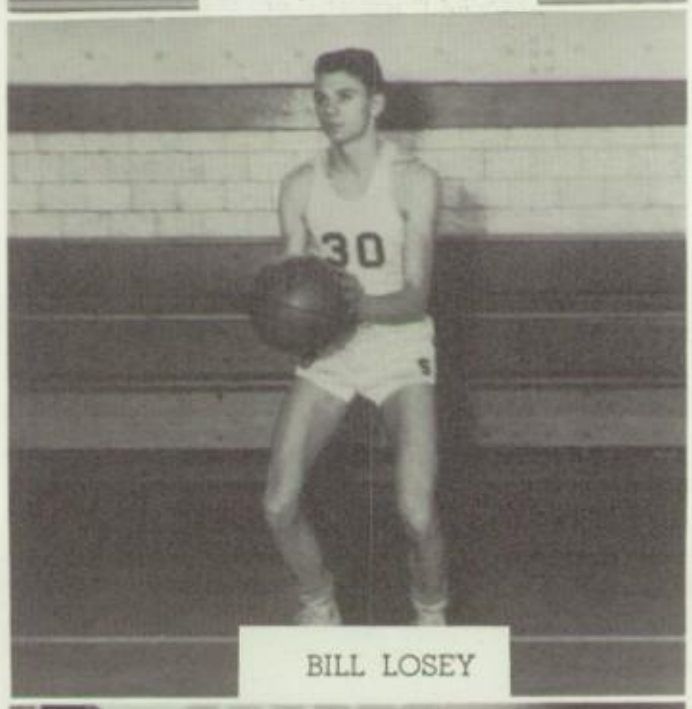

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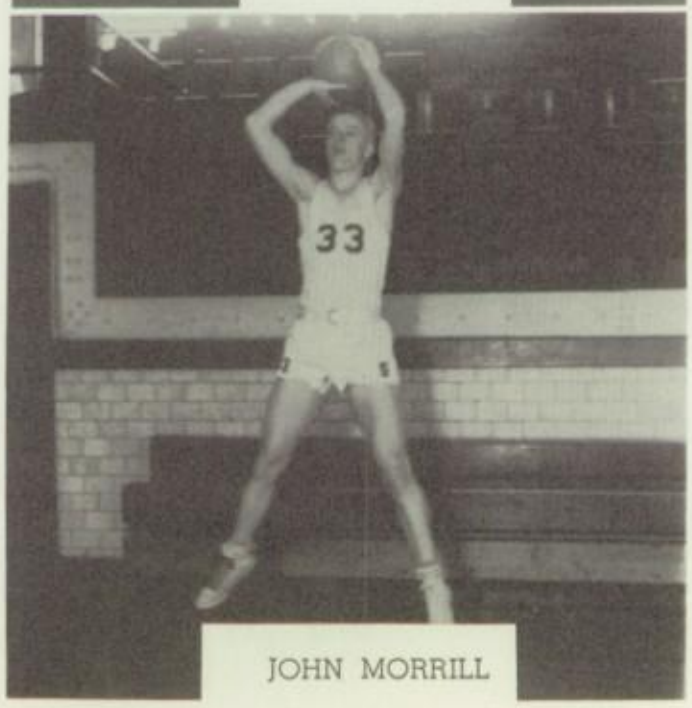

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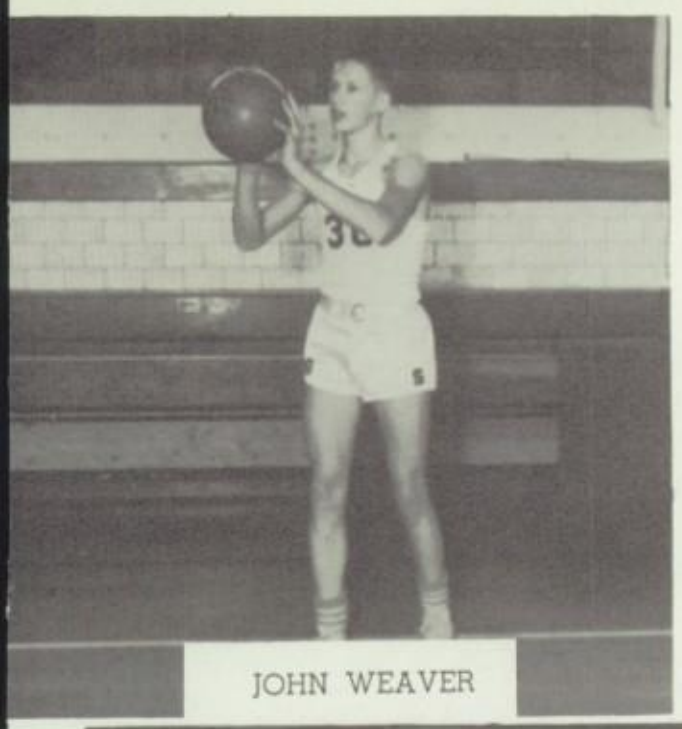

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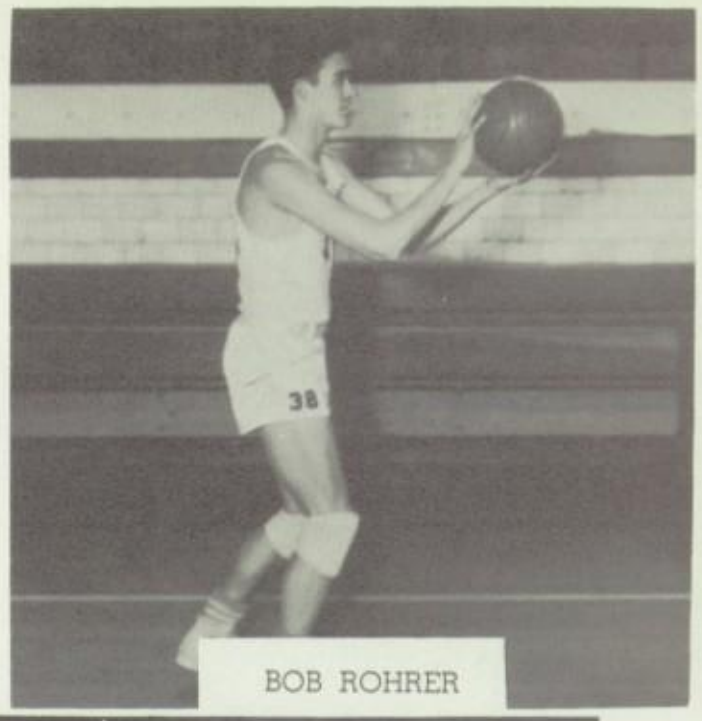

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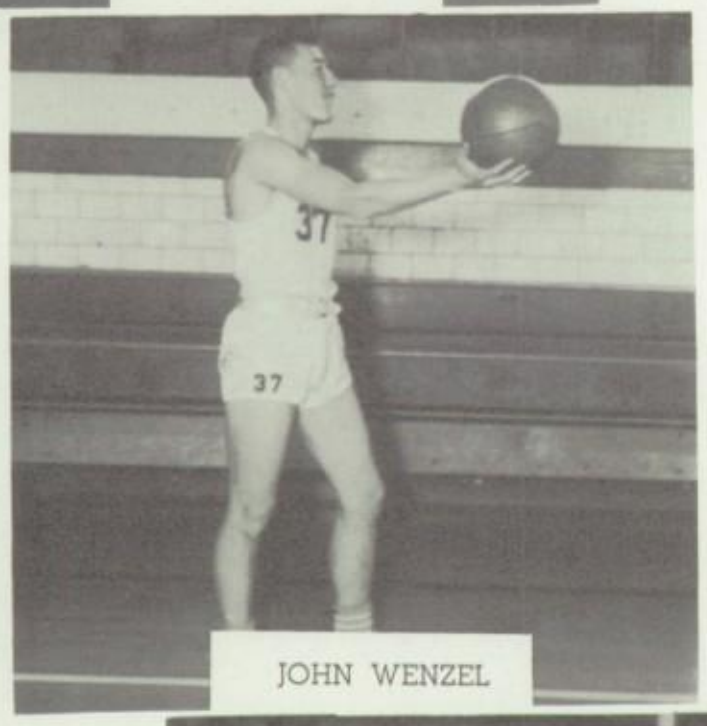

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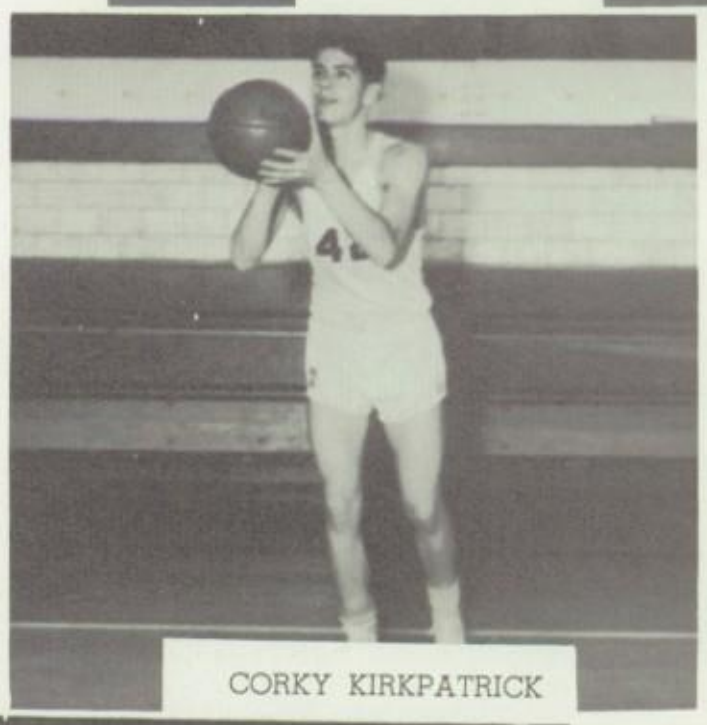

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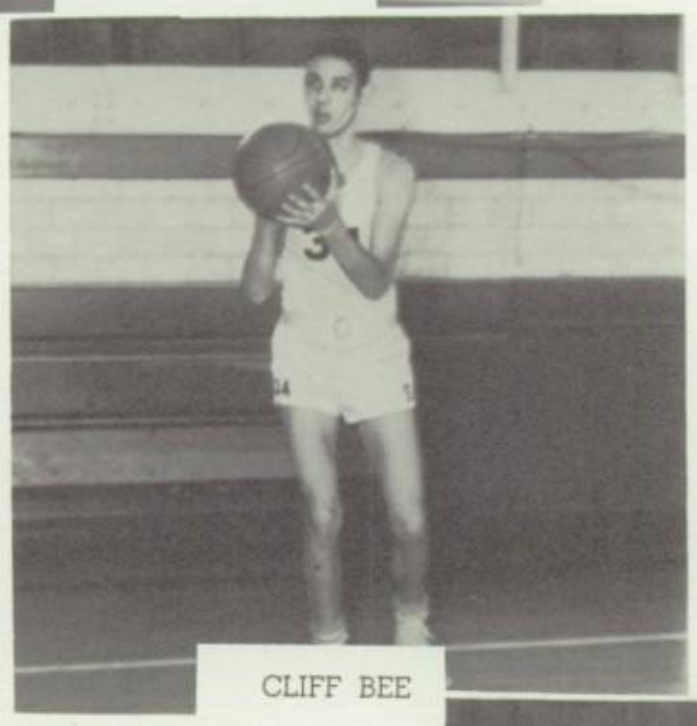

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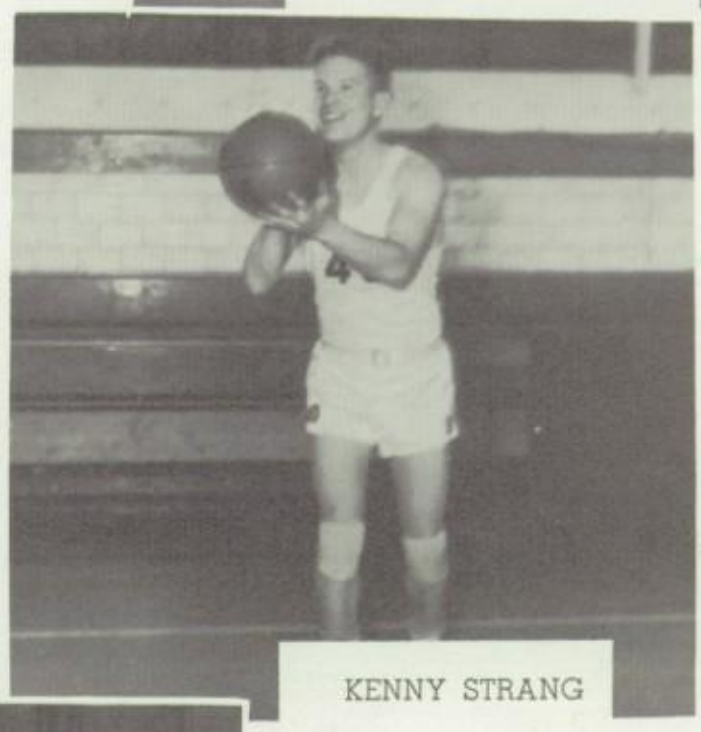

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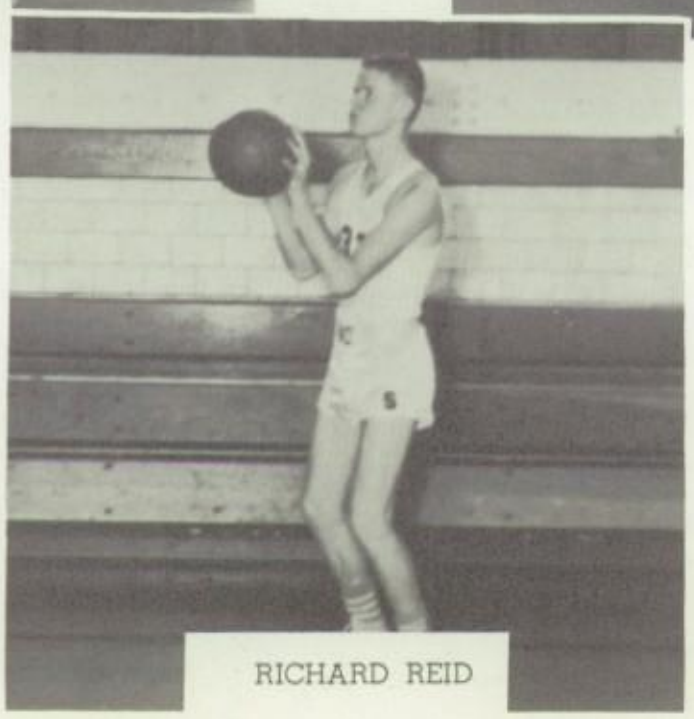

RICHARD REID

Reserve Basketball

The Trojan reserve squad under the direction of Coach Maher also was able to grab the conference championship this year. With an over all season record of fourteen wins and four losses, the team seems to have good material for the varsity squad next year. Of the four games the team did lose, two were by one point margins and the other two by three points.

Some of the outstanding players included: Jerry Keyser, whose ball stealing and dribbling, should help the varsity next year. Phil Perry, whose one-handed jump shot, made him one of the high scorers in the T.V.; and George Siggins, whose three-quarter-length shot in the Albion game gave us quite a start. Two sophomores, Tom Stapleton and Floyd Yoder, saw a lot of action this year. Floyd was also one of the high scorers in the T.V. Dave Darby and Marty Smith, two freshmen, did a very good job for the team. Darby was a scoring threat with a variety of shots, and Smith had the dual skill of scoring and rebounding from both the center or forward slots.

Co-captains F. Yoder, J. Keyser, and P. Perry

1955-56 RECORD

Sturgis	44	East Lansing	38
Sturgis	53	Albion	29
Sturgis	24	Adrian	21
Sturgis	62	Lakeview	28
Sturgis	46	Coldwater	40
Sturgis	47	Three Rivers	44
Sturgis	34	Bronson	23
Sturgis	41	Marshall	43
Sturgis	51	East Lansing	34
Sturgis	46	Albion	33
Sturgis	41	Lakeview	23
Sturgis	39	Bronson	40
Sturgis	35	Coldwater	34
Sturgis	48	Three Rivers	41
Sturgis	32	Marshall	36
Sturgis	42	Adrian	43

First Row: Jerry Todd, George Siggins, Phil Perry, Tom Stapleton, Martyn Smith, Floyd Yoder, Jerry Keyser, Ronnie Magnus. **Second Row:** Coach Maher, Denny Wenzel, Max Sayles, Jerry Darby, Allen Crossman, Stewart Swihart, Jim Miller, Karl Toth, absent: Dave Darby.

Coach Maher

Varsity

Baseball

Sturgis	14	Coldwater	1
Sturgis	5	Albion	2
Sturgis	3	Marshall	4
Sturgis	7	Coldwater	6
Sturgis	11	Three Rivers	10
Sturgis	1	Lakeview	0
Sturgis	0	Adrian	14
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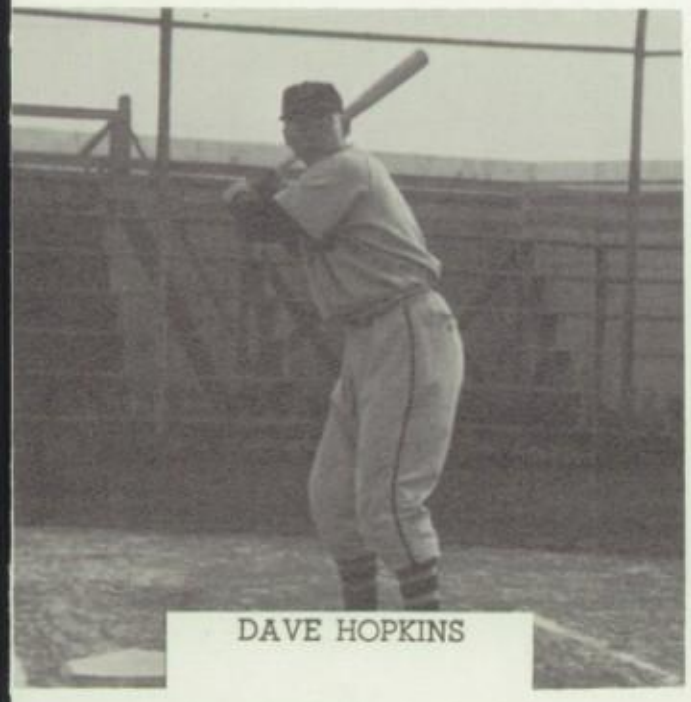

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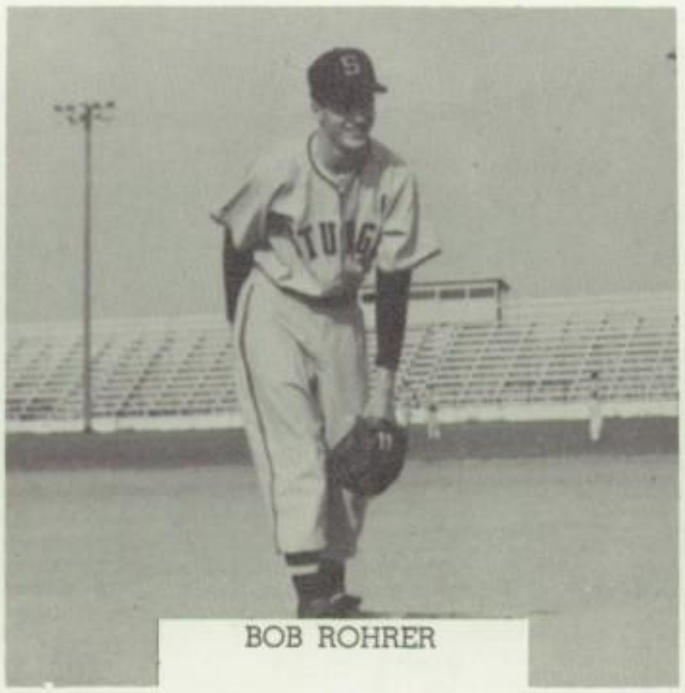

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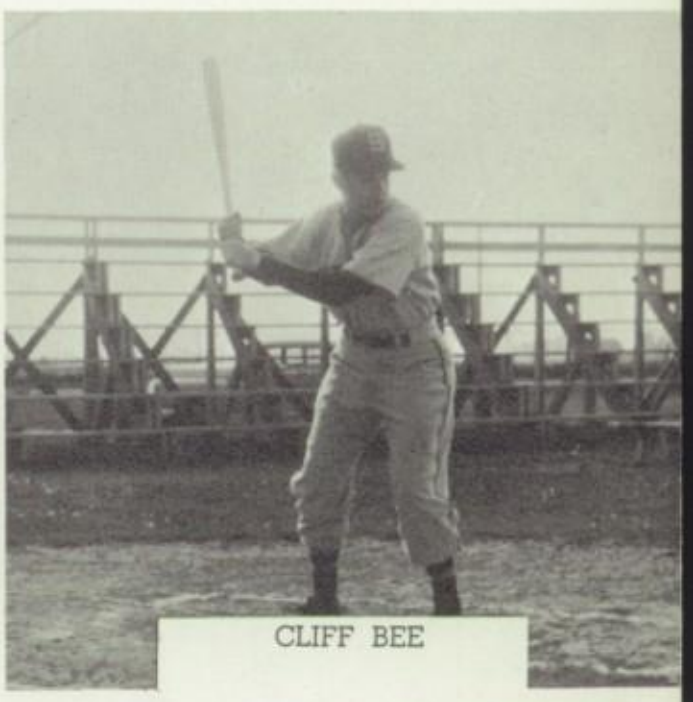

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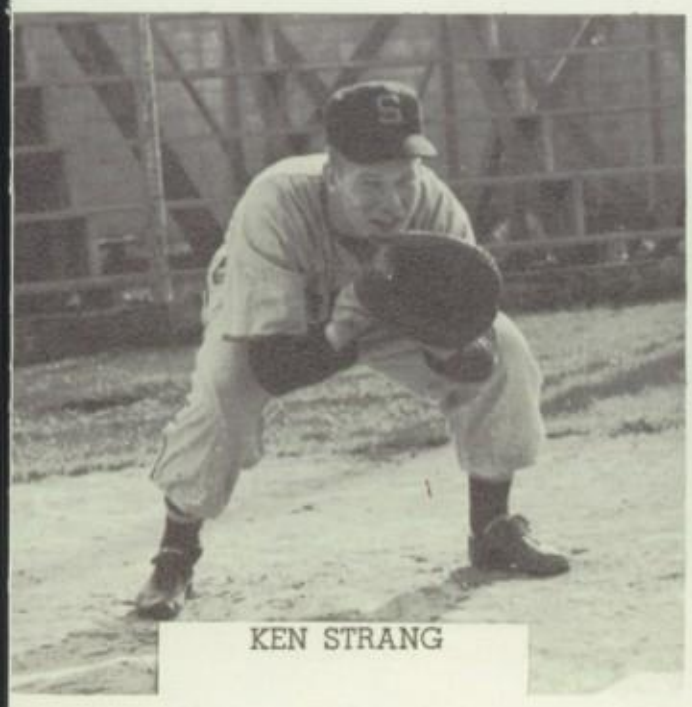

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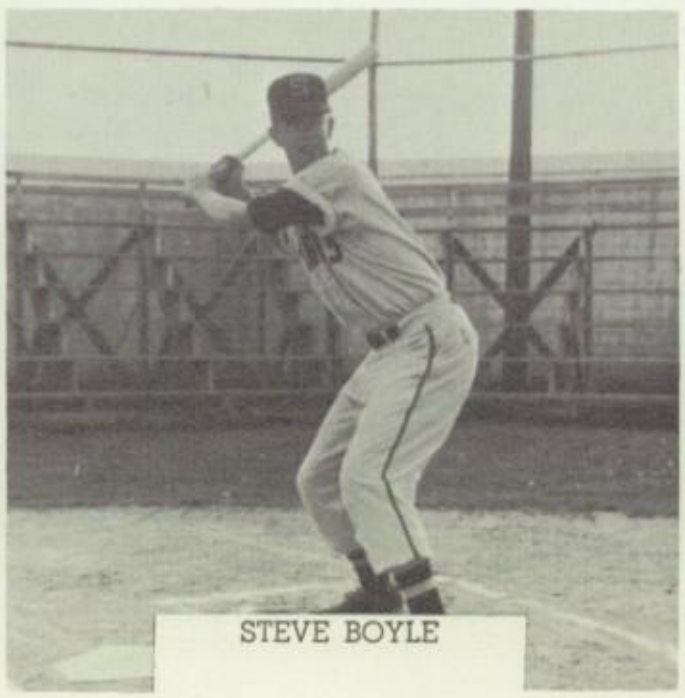
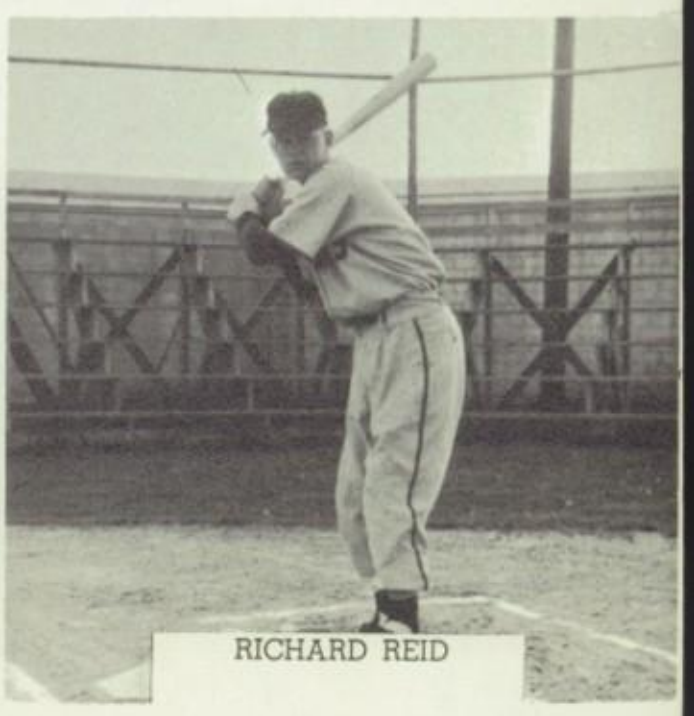


STEVE BOYLE



RICHARD REID

First Row: Coach Maher, Jack Ginther, Keith Emerson, Jim Hanko, Ken Strang, Roger Altimus, Gary Eshelman, Maurice Kirkpatrick, Tom Franks, Richard Reid. **Second Row:** Lewis Garrison, Cliff Bee, Dave Hopkins, Bob Rohrer, Steve Boyle, Jerry Betcke, Jim Johnsonbaugh, Vance Parnin, Phil Perry, Ed Burg.

The Varsity Baseball Squad of last year ended the season with a record of five wins and five losses. Playing one of the largest schedules in the history of Sturgis High, they were able to play only ten games as four of them were rained out.

The team finished the year with a 3-3 record in conference play which qualified them for fifth place in the Twin Valley standings. In conference games we beat Albion, Three Rivers, and Lakeview. The Lakeview game was a nine-inning thriller with the score a 0-0 deadlock going into the bottom of the ninth. With two men on and two out, Gary Eshelman singled home Keith Emerson with the winning run. Our losses in the conference were to Coldwater and Marshall, by one run, and to Adrian.

In non-conference games the team beat Coldwater and Howe Military while loosing to Kalamazoo State High and Niles. During the season the team was invited to the Battle Creek Invitational Tournament. In the first game of the tournament, Sturgis was eliminated when the winning run was walked home in the last of the seventh.

In the individual department Jerry Betcke carried most of the pitching load and finished the season with a record of three wins and three losses. Rohrer and Hanko, the other two pitchers, wound up with 1-0 and 1-2 records, respectively. The team's leading hitter was Steve Boyle, who hit .333 in five conference games.

Pick him off

Reserve

Baseball

Sturgis	0	Marshall	9
Sturgis	0	Lakeview	6
Sturgis	10	Coldwater	4
Sturgis	17	Vicksburg	5
Sturgis	14	Coldwater	8
Sturgis	5	Vicksburg	3

After losing their first two games by shutouts, the Reserve baseball team rebounded to take their last four games and finish the season with a very good 4-2 record.

Playing Marshall and Lakeview in their first two games, the Reserves were beaten 9-0 and 6-0. In their next four games, they alternated between Vicksburg and Coldwater, beating Vicksburg 17-5 and 5-3 and Coldwater 10-4 and 14-8.

The team was composed of: Tom Hickman, catcher; Dick Thomas, first base; Jerry Keyser, second base; Bill Zimmerman, shortstop; Al Crossman, third base; Hank Bower, John Wenzel, and George Siggins, outfielders; and Bill Willer, Floyd Yoder, and Ben Crabill, pitchers.

Hickman, Thomas, Keyser, Zimmerman, Siggins, Bower, Yoder, and Willer were expected to make good Varsity material this year.

First Row: Jerry Keyser, Al Crossman, Bill Zimmerman, Dave Lantz, Tom Hickman, Wayne Shook, Hank Bauer, John Wenzel
Second Row: Max Sayles, John Kasdorf, Dale Ropp, Dave Zimmerman, Harold Teeters, Dick Thomas, Jim Miller
Third Row: Coach Dillon, Ron Luedeke, Bill Willer, Tom Runyan, Ernie Pierce, Jay Kessler, Floyd Yoder

Track

DUAL MEETS

Sturgis 45	Albion 64
Sturgis 43	Three Rivers 66
Sturgis 45⅔	Marshall 63⅓
Sturgis 27	Lakeview 82

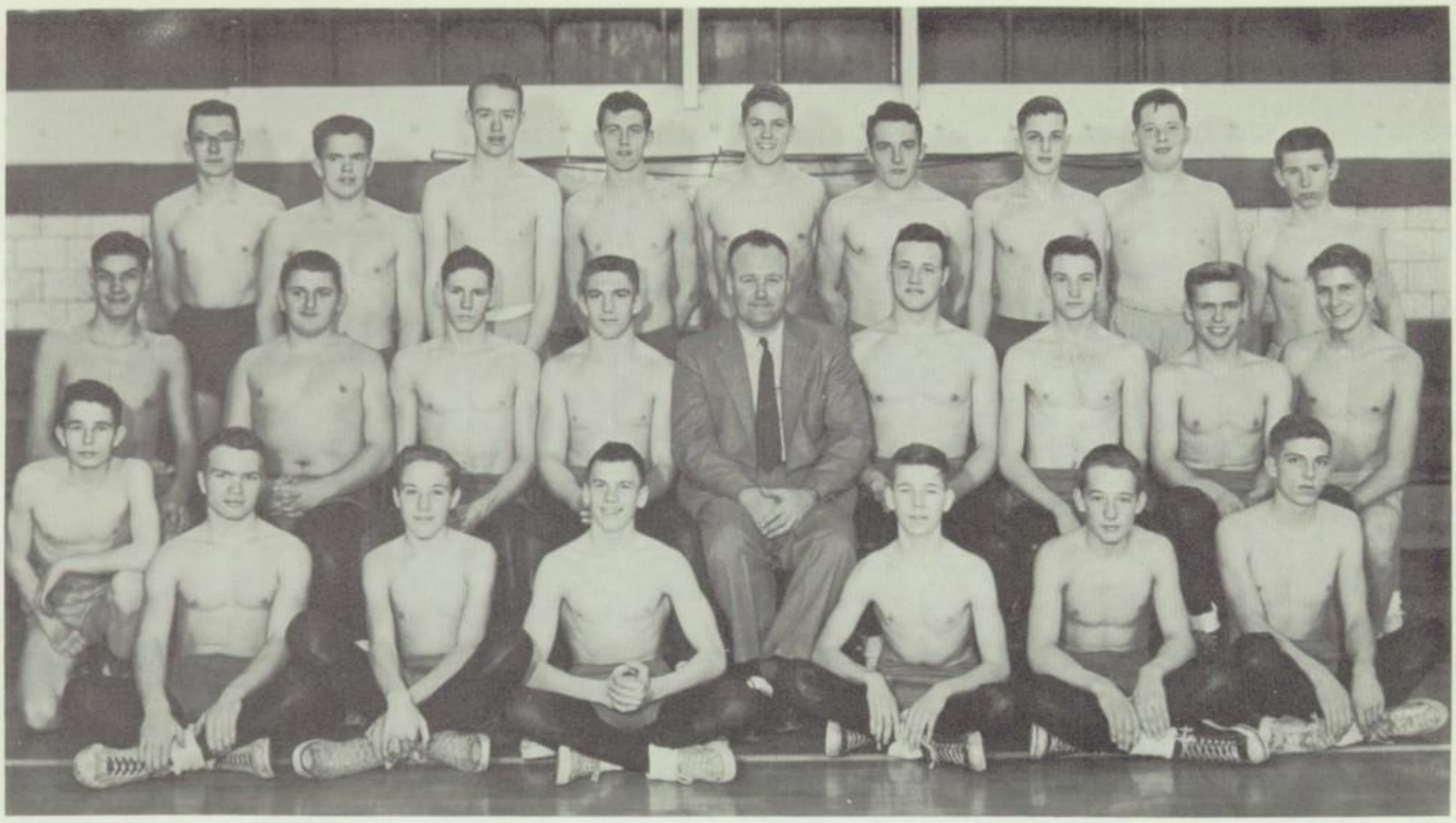
TRIANGULAR MEETS

Sturgis 27½	Niles 76	Three Rivers 33½
Sturgis 35½	Coldwater 61	Berrin Springs 42

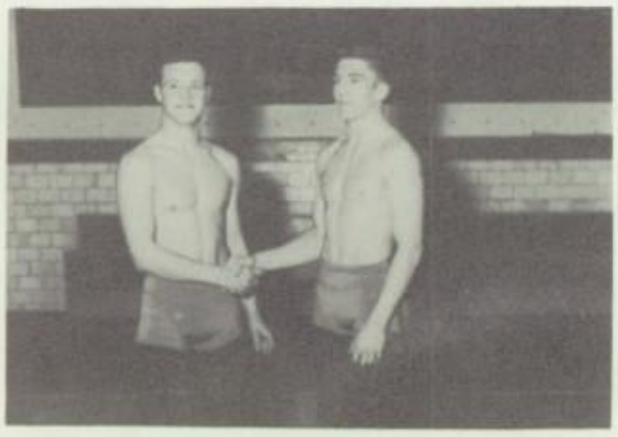
State Regionals 8½ (10th)
Twin Valley 14½ (7th)

First Row (Kneeling): Bill Losey, John Morrill, Bud Krontz, Cliff Keesler, Paul Eckert, Walter Wolcott, John Weaver, Dick Bunce. **Second Row** (Standing): Coach Lori, Bob Curtis, Bob McLaughlin, Carl Holsinger, Alan Howard, Dwight Sunday, Al Werner, Gus Trometer, Carl Monroe, Ken Pierce, Denny Baker, Charley Bunce, George Tobias.

The track team of last year failed to post a win; but this failure was due to lack of depth rather than lack of talent. The Trojans seemed to almost always get their share of firsts but weren't backed up by the seconds and thirds. The big guns among the seniors were Cliff Keesler, Tom Lash, and Bob Curtis. Cliff ran the 180 yard low-hurdles and a leg in the medlay relay team, while Lash was our half-miler, and Curtis ran the mile. Bill Losey, a junior, set a new school record in the high jump, going 5' 8". Returning lettermen, who Coach Lori expected to help the team this year were Bill Losey, Denny Baker, Dick Bunce, Paul Toth, and Walt Wolcott.



First Row: G. Bowman, K. Pierce, J. Schlage, H. Reick, L. Quinn, J. Kasdorf, C. Cominator. **Second Row:** F. Loetz, T. Hickman, J. Frontz, D. Bunce, Coach Finlay, P. Eckert, R. McLauchlin, D. Mieras. **Third Row:** J. Packer, K. Flowers, K. Miller, R. Ankney, D. Ropp, T. Ray, A. Howard, C. Barnell, R. Jamerson.



Co-captains P. Eckert and D. Bunce

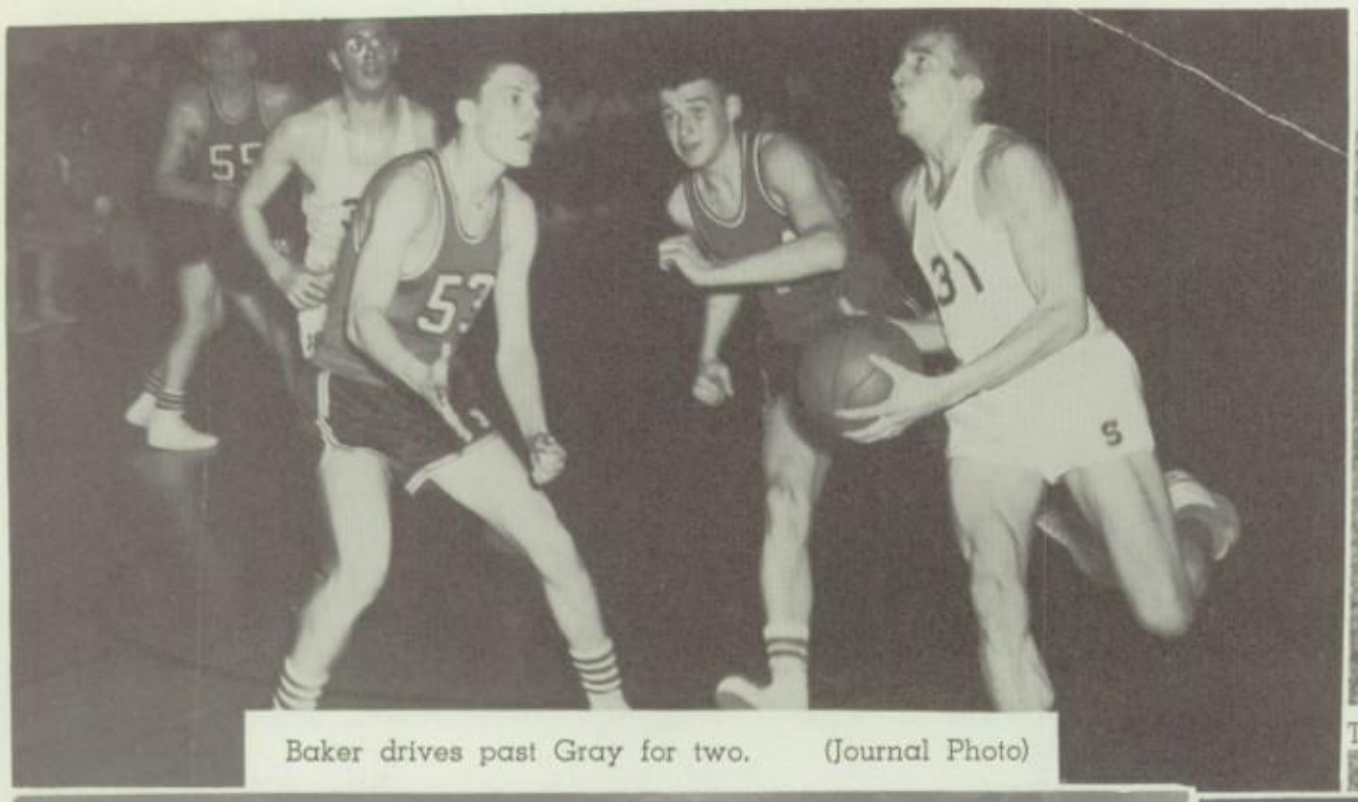
Coach Finlay

Wrestling

Coach Finlay's wrestling squad turned in one of its best seasons in quite a few years. In winning five bouts, losing five, and fighting to one draw, the team showed a lot of strength that will return next year. Dick Bunce, with a 10-0 record, and Paul Eckert, with an 8-2-1 record, the team's co-captains, were the leading winners. Others winning their letter were: seniors, Tom Ray and Don Bertva; juniors, Jack Krontz and Gary Bowman; and sophomores, Harold Reick and Leland Quinn.

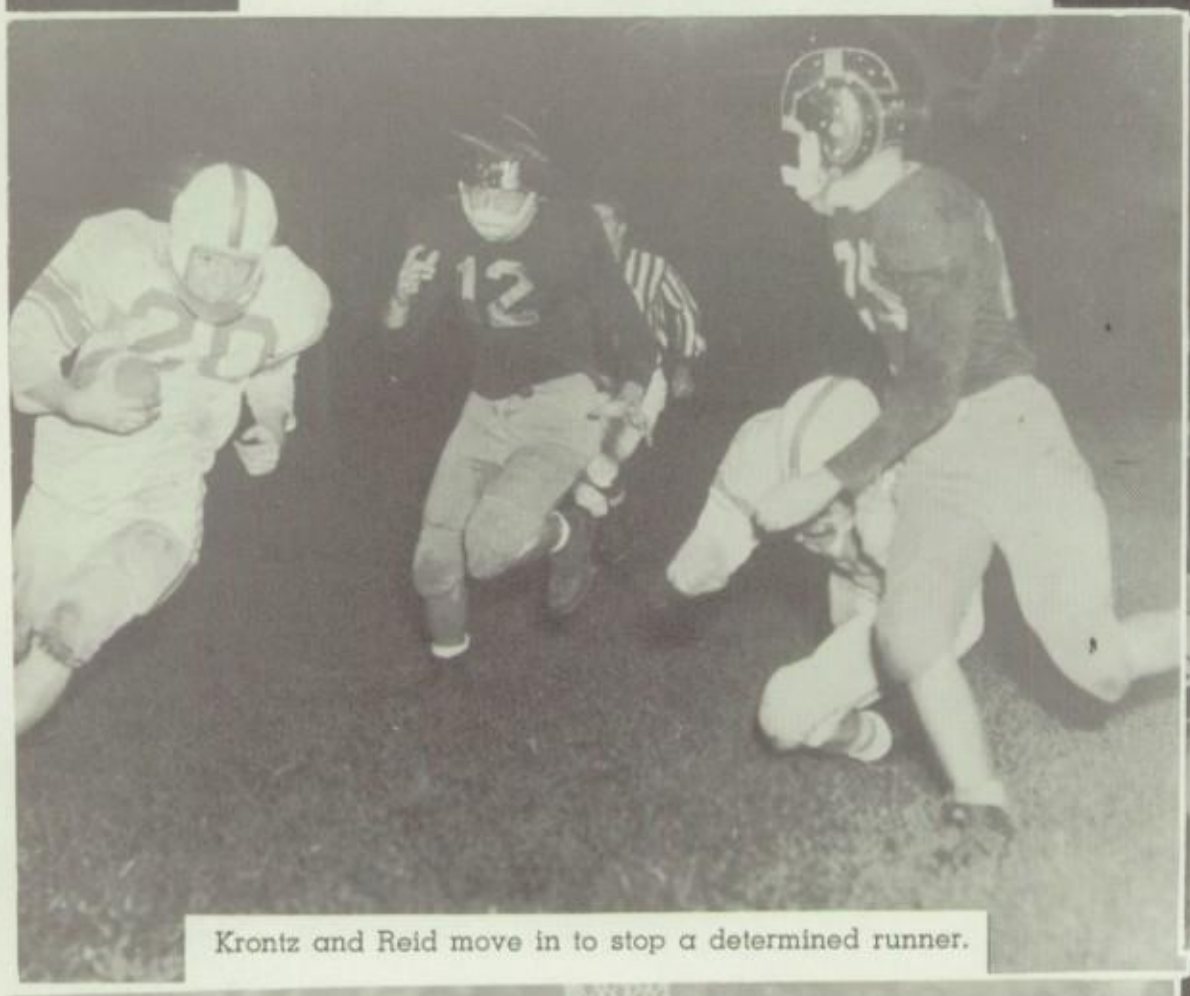
The team's record consisted of two wins over Coldwater, 31-18 and 24-17, a win over Howe, 29-19, one over Allegan, 40-18, and one over Adrian, 29-19. The one draw was a 22-22 match with Howe while they dropped two to Niles, 42-11 and 41-9, two to Kalamazoo Central, 32-14 and 39-9, and one to Battle Creek Central, 33-9.

This year six Sturgis wrestlers placed in the top four rankings in their weight classes at the Regionals qualifying them for the State meet. They are: R. Bunce, first; P. Eckert, third; T. Ray, third; D. Bertva, third; J. Krontz, fourth; and J. Kasdorf, fourth. The team placed fourth out of eight teams.

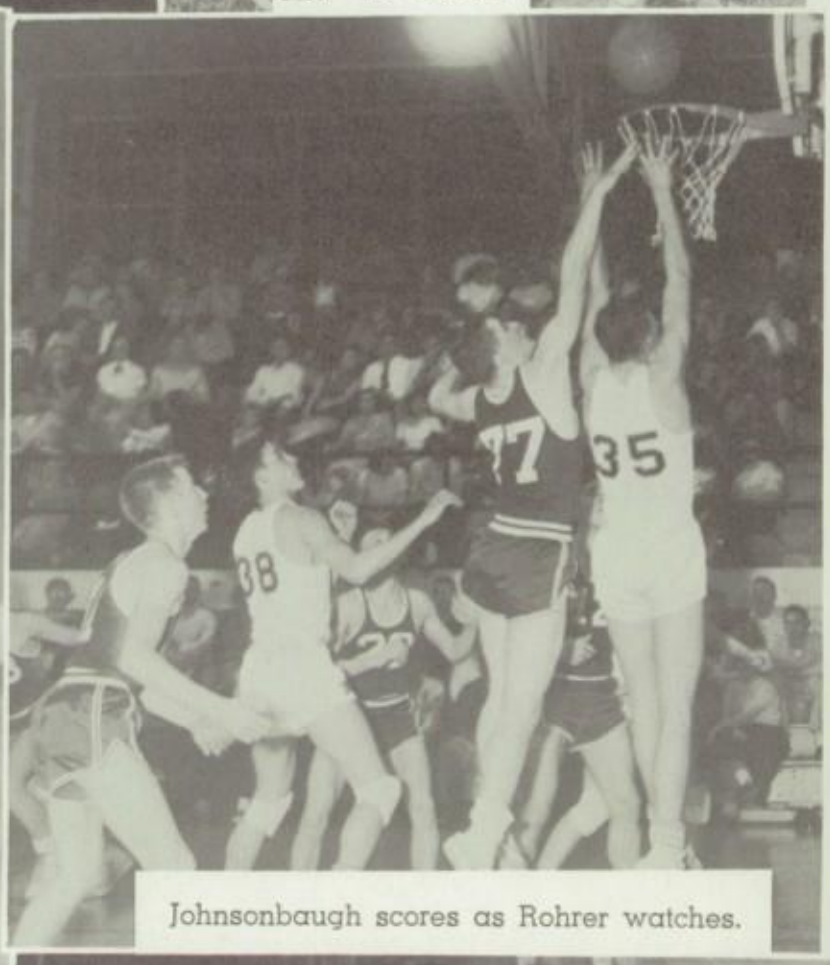


Baker drives past Gray for two. (Journal Photo)

Trackmen: P. Eckert, J. Morrill, B. Losey, and D. Baker.

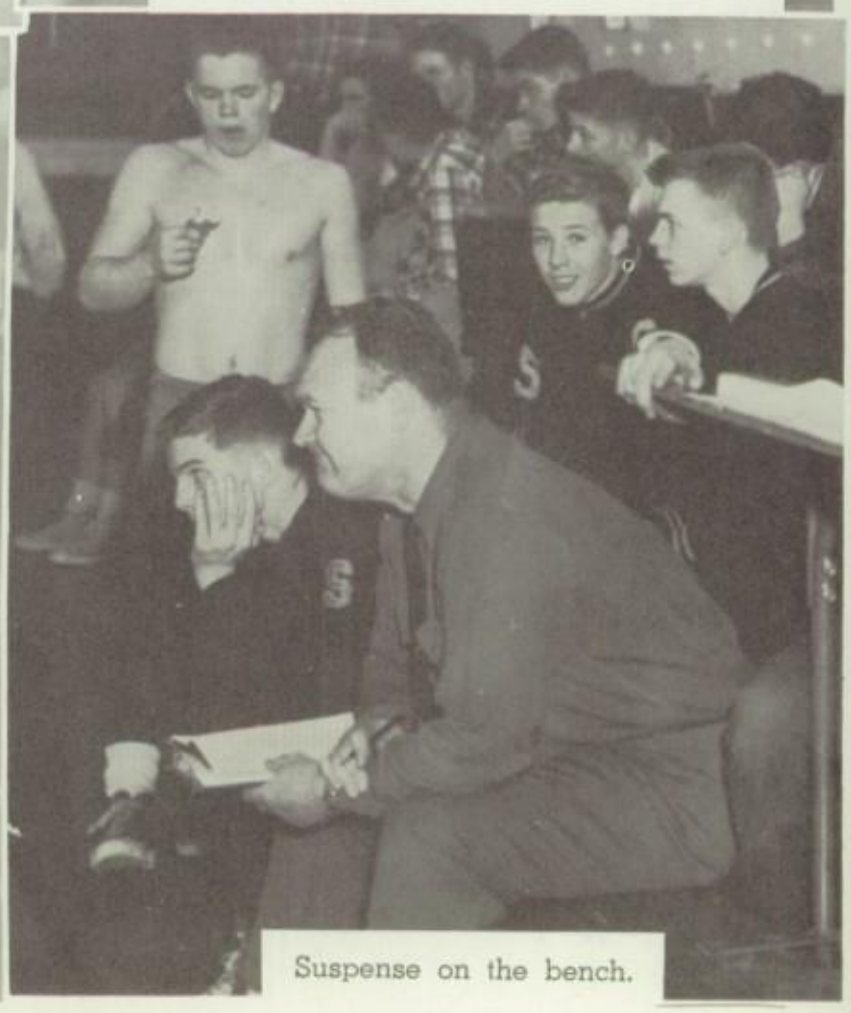


Krontz and Reid move in to stop a determined runner.



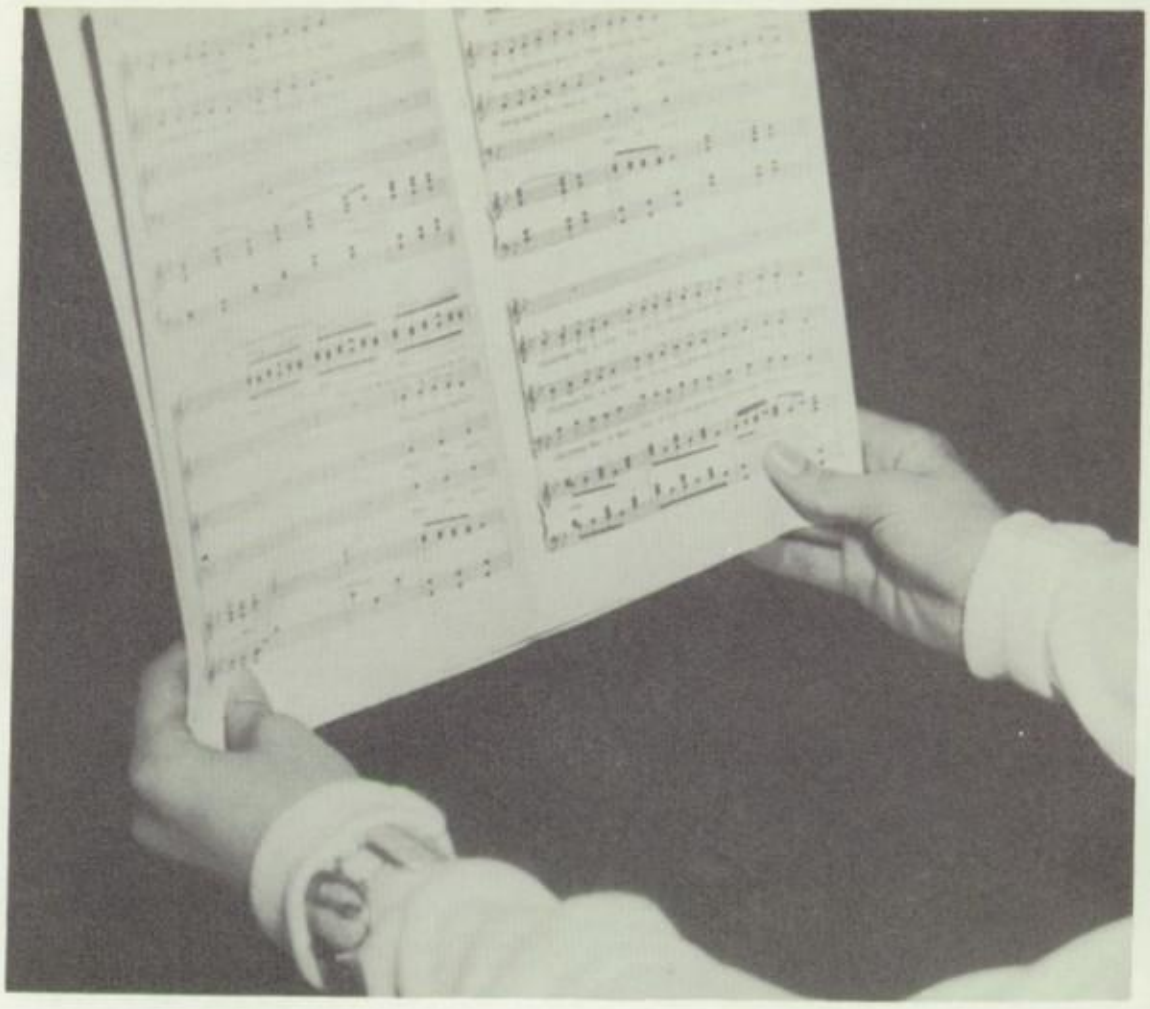
Johnsonbaugh scores as Rohrer watches.

Hopkins block's Crum's shot.



Suspense on the bench.

CLUBS, MUSIC and ACTIVITIES



First Row: L. Anderson, J. Wise, S. Bintz, C. Lampe, S. Otto, A. Falkenstein, J. Ross, J. Strong. **Second Row:** L. Rehm, P. Wittenberg, R. Casner, M. Young, J. Royeton, B. Boaz, D. McBride, P. Machan, C. Wagner. **Third Row:** J. Young, P. Kennedy, S. Molter, P. Sturgis, S. Moody, M. Bell, N. Ginther, M. Fink, A. Kirby, C. Arklie.

Mrs. Miller, Musette Bell, Ruth Casner, Doris Harker, Mary Brunson, Judy Kruger, Judy Wise, Linda Anderson, Sherry Bintz.

G.A.A.

G.A.A. got under way this year following the traditional initiation of the new members. In order to remain in the club, the girls must earn 100 points a year. She gets these points by participating in games, working on committees, and for various other reasons.

Again this year they started out with volleyball, and later the girls formed basketball teams and played this for the rest of the year. The freshmen and sophomores make up the junior league, while the senior league consists of juniors and seniors.

First Row: E. Simpson, C. Lean, C. Wisler, K. Goethals, S. Friend, J. Mann. **Second Row:** D. Schutz, S. Burke, A. Elliott, J. Blue, P. Geering, T. Ridley, L. Horrom. **Third Row:** J. Lawler, P. Bigelow, M. Fiegel, M. Brunson, J. Kruger, C. Wheeler, S. Taylor.

First Row: P. Horning, J. Baylor, K. Kitson, J. Blackburn, M. Woods, J. Rommel, J. Machan, P. Gelvin, S. Kershner. **Second Row:** D. Harker, C. Bauer, M. Arklie, S. Hodgson, C. Marks, A. Housour, K. Oxender, J. Rawles, A. Blood, A. Cunnington. **Third Row:** M. Young, J. VanMeter, R. Young, C. McBride, J. Reed, J. Stults, L. Homlar, J. Lutz, B. McLaughlin, M. Troyer.

This year they held bake goods sales at Patterson's every third Saturday of each month to raise money. Another activity some of the girls participated in was the local Community Chest drive. Every year G.A.A. sponsors several dances. This year the first dance was held on October 15 with a football theme. It was entitled the "Football Frolic." In February the girls sponsored the Sock-Hop, and then in March they had the "Sweetheart Swing." Of course, the Penny Carnival was held again this year with their usual games and the crowning of the king and queen. In May the annual banquet was held where all the girls who had earned enough points received awards.

Desperation pass!

Get that ball!

First Row: B. Wagner, D. Fair, B. Bowdish, C. Falkenstein, M. Reed, J. Freeland, M. Fisk, N. Kirby, J. Wiedlea, E. Crabill, S. Weaver. **Second Row:** B. Cross, J. Brebner, M. Goethals, J. Rommel, C. Young, N. Dowty, J. Horrom, K. Bowman, E. Smith, M. Lehmer, E. Ritter. **Third Row:** S. Weaver, C. Perrin, L. Smith, V. Wright, B. Briggs, R. Runyan, S. Keyser, K. George, K. Crawford, K. Perry, J. Holtz.

Paul Eckert, Coach Maher, Denny Baker, Ricky Guilford.

Who's the lucky winner?

Varsity Club

This year's Varsity Club was made up of thirty-two sophomore, junior, and senior Varsity letter winners. Coach Maher was the advisor of the club again this year—the tenth year of the club's existence.

As usual, this year the Varsity Club provided the programs for the Homecoming game and co-sponsored the Homecoming dance. At the dance the club raffled the football which was used in the game. Because the boys in the club did such a good job selling ads for the program and raffle tickets, there was plenty of money in the treasury. Instead of spending the money on sports equipment as they have in the past, the boys attended a hockey game between the Detroit Red Wings and another National Hockey League Team and spent the night in Detroit. The boys intend to do as well with the basketball programs and hope to plan another trip near the end of the school year.

Three seniors were elected as officers of the club: Denny Baker, President; Paul Eckert, Vice-President; and Ricky Guilford, Treasurer.

First Row: Denny Baker, Richard Reid, Ted Lampe, Richard Guilford, Jim Hanko.
Second Row: John Weaver, Paul Eckert, Vern Hoyt, Ken Strang, Coach Maher.
Third Row: Bob Rohrer, Steve Boyle, John Morrill.
Fourth Row: Dave Hopkins, Jim Johnsonbaugh, Dick Bunce, Bill Losey, Paul Toth.

First Row: M. Goethals, S. Hodgson, A. Housour, C. Wheeler, C. Wisler, J. Lawler, C. Lean, C. Marks, L. Horrom, T. Ridley, C. Perrin, M. Fisk, N. Dowty.
Second Row: A. Kirby, L. Rehm, S. Moody, L. Anderson, R. Casner, M. Young, S. Goethals, I. Schluter, C. Wagner, J. Wise, N. Ginther, A. Lepard, J. Young, P. Wittenberg, M. Fink, M. Bell.
Third Row: M. Fiegel, P. Gelvin, J. Mann, S. Friend, A. Paxton, S. Martin, J. Kline, H. Heidenreich, R. Guilford, C. Bee, K. Goethals, J. Blue, R. Runyan, M. Brunson, A. Elliott.

Dramatics Club

The Dramatics Club began its year with the election of officers. The club members choose: Richard Guilford, President; Herbert Heidenreich, Vice President; Musette Bell, Treasurer; and Jeannine Mann, Secretary. The club is using Parliamentary Procedure to conduct its meetings.

One of the club's projects was to put on a pep meeting before one of the basketball games.

To gain experience acting on stage, the members of the Dramatics Club did improvisations. The club plans to put on several plays during the year. Acting in these plays will help the students to gain experience for their junior and senior plays.

Mr. Hugh Tyler is the faculty advisor of the Dramatics Club.

Mr. Hugh Tyler, Ricky Guilford, Jeannine Mann, Herb Heidenreich, Musette Bell.

Seniors of the Dramatics Club.

Mrs. Alice Scheetz.

First Row: Adie Rippey, Lois Evert, Julie Reeg, Nancy Sigler. **Second Row:** Janice Lutz, Beth McLauchlin, Carol DeVries, Virginia Wright, Louise Smith.

First Row: J. Forrest, P. Craw, J. Abbs. **Second Row:** C. Young, I. Geering, S. Keyser.

F.H.A.

Under the capable guidance of Mrs. Alice Scheetz, the 1955-56 Future Homemakers of America started off the school year with a formal initiation. The mothers of the girls were invited to attend the initiation.

Other activities of the club included an exchange party to which the Bronson and White Pigeon F.H.A. were invited and Christmas caroling at the hospital and nursing homes.

To bring in revenue for the club, the twenty-five members sold cookies at the wrestling matches and declared a Ho-bo Day on which they did odd jobs for people in town.

Seven members attended the Regional Meeting at White Pigeon. Janice Lutz was elected Regional Secretary at this meeting. Also, several of the club members were chosen to attend the State Convention at Grand Rapids in April.

Seated: Mrs. Scheetz, N. Sigler, L. Evert, J. Reeg, I. Geering. **Standing:** L. Smith, J. Lutz, S. Keyser, B. McLaughlin.

Art Club

Seated: C. Glasgow, J. Adams, C. McKerlie, J. Siegel. **First Row:** M. Troyer, M. Rivers, S. Wetzel, E. Pappas, J. Holtz, M. Coohon, A. Smith. **Second Row:** J. Pappas, J. Schlage, F. Kulpinski, C. Rivers, B. Blatter.

Audrey Smith, John Pappas, Joyce Lawler, Elizabeth Pappas.

The Library Club was composed of nineteen members this year. They elected Elizabeth Pappas, president; Joyce Lawler, vice-president; John Pappas, chairman; and Audrey Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Under Mrs. Polleys each member worked in the library five hours a week for one-half credit a year. Their duties included putting books away, keeping the card file up-to-date, taking care of the magazines, and dusting.

The many social activites included parties at Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day, the end of the school year, and other important dates. A skating party was also enjoyed by all. These parties more than made up for the work.

First Row: J. Summey, J. Harter, S. Powers, L. McKerlie, J. Parker, J. Main, J. Lean.
Second Row: D. Darby, C. Bogema, T. Spaulding, J. Swalley, S. Crowell.
Third Row: D. Huss, D. Smith, P. Moulton, D. Bowdish, D. Parnin, R. Stewart, C. Bricker.
Fourth Row: D. Bowdish, M. Hunt, B. Wagner, N. Washburn.
Fifth Row: J. Gerardo, E. Eberhard, E. Stutz, N. King. E. Smith.

During the year of 55-56 the Art Club was kept busy. Only art class students from the eighth to twelfth grades are allowed to join the club which is under the capable direction of Mr. Chase. The club met on Monday evenings. The club had committees to plan parties and field trips. They sponsored a hobby show and a soap carving contest. Another activity of the club was presenting a pep meeting.

Library Club

Janice Harker, Mr. Chase, JoAnn Gerardo, Joyce Swalley.

Trojan Staff

Nancy Ginther, Advertising Manager; Dave Brew, Dave Portman, Co-Production Managers.

Joyce Strong, Jane Ross, Bonnie Boaz; Stencilists.

Herb Heidenreich, Alumni Editor; Jolayne Carpenter, Club Editor.

This year the TROJAN staff took a vote on changing the name of the bi-weekly mimeo from THE TROJANEWS to THE TROJAN. The quarterly remained as THE TROJAN.

Last year a new system of four editors was developed and proved to be very successful. This system was continued with Carmen Arklie, David Brew, Sharon Loetz, and Judy Wise as co-editors.

Under the capable direction of Miss Elizabeth Whitelock, each issue of the paper came out on time, school papers were mailed to alumni, servicemen, businessmen who bought advertising space, and distributed to all Sturgis High School students.

By being on a high school newspaper staff, a person may improve his writing, reading, poise in dealing with people, proofreading, and skills needed in publishing a printed paper without causing hard feelings.

Judy Wise, Miss Whitelock, Carmen Arklie, Dave Brew, Sharon Loetz, Advisor and Co-Editors.

Jane Ross, Exchange Editor; Jolayne Carpenter, Sharon Loetz, Mailing Editors.

Standing: Sharon Otto, Linda Rehm, Peggy Machan, Jeanine Young, Reporters.

Seated: Ann Kirby, Marjorie Young, Ruth Casner, Susan Holtz.

Quill and Scroll

First Row: B. Boaz, C. Arklie, A. Kirby
Second Row: L. Rehm, S. Otto, N. Ginther, P. Machan, J. Strong

This year sixteen seniors were selected by Miss Whitelock to be members of the Quill and Scroll, an international honorary journalism society. The Quill and Scroll, organized in 1926, is a reward for individual achievement in the field of journalism. To qualify one must be in the upper third of the class scholastically and a member of either the Trojan or Sturgensian staff, who have done outstanding work. They must also be recommended by Miss Whitelock, the faculty advisor. The members are chosen in the second semester. Late in May, the members enjoyed a picnic at which time they received the official membership. On class day the pins were presented.

Ann Kirby and Peggy Machan pasting pages

Seated: J. Ross, S. Holtz, S. Loetz. **Standing:** J. Young, D. Portman, H. Heidenreich, D. Brew, M. Young.

Blow—Gabriel-Blow

Marching Band

Stan Laws

This year's SHS marching band under drum major Stanley Laws, Jr. had a full schedule. The band marched at three home games and three out-of-town games. The main event of the season was preparing an eight minute show for the marching contest held at Vicksburg, October 19. The show consisted of military drills and a "Rock Around the Clock" routine complete with "dixieland" band. The band received a straight first division rating—both for their show and a military inspection.

The band also marched for the Halloween and Christmas parades and at the St. Joseph County Fair.

The following members were elected as officers for the first semester: Jim Kline, Band Captain; Musette Bell, First Lieutenant; Stanley Laws, Jr., junior class representative; Jane Blackburn, sophomore class representative; and Ronnie Magnus, freshman class representative.

Front: F. Yoder, M. Bell, S. Swihart. **1st row:** S. Loetz, S. Charron, K. Mark, R. Walters, A. Housour, M. Woods, P. Macham, J. Blackburn, N. Sigler, J. Rommel, R. Evert, J. Holtz, J. Beall, S. Welty, S. Laws. **2nd row:** J. Freeland, L. Sherman, R. Young, J. Davis, J. Bothamley, M. Braham, P. Strait, S. Baker, J. Quirin, S. Perkins, P. Horning, A. Lepard, T. Boaz. **3rd row:** J. Brunson, B. Boaz, D. Moore, J. Jackson, K. Kitson, R. Kline, G. Harter, R. Marks, H. Reick. **4th row:** B. Parr, J. Tibbetts, J. Meyers, J. Kline, J. Packer, B. Falkenstein, R. Magnus, L. Zollman. **5th row:** L. Kimble, J. Parker, L. Quinn. **Not shown:** T. Ridley, J. Baylor, D. Bushouse, J. Ryan, B. Briggs, K. Crawford, N. Kirby, K. Toth.

First Row: S. Baker, P. Strait, P. Machan, M. Woods, A. Housour, R. Magnus, N. Kirby, R. Walters, S. Charron, B. Briggs, K. Mark. **Second Row:** R. Evert, J. Blackburn, S. Welty, P. Horning, J. Beall, J. Bothamley, S. Perkins, R. Young, J. Quirin, M Braham, J. Davis, L. Sherman, J. Brunson, J. Freeland, A. Lepard, M. Bell. **Third Row:** M. Welty, J. Rommel, K. Crawford, N. Sigler, J. Holtz, J. Packer, V. Hoyt, D. Bushouse, R. Kline, B. Boaz, D. Moore, G. Jackson, K. Kitson, T. Ridley. **Fourth Row:** B. Cross, R. Marks, T. Boaz, L. Zollman, H. Reick, G. Harter, B. Falkenstein, B. Parr, J. Meyers, J. Kline. **Fifth Row:** D. Abel, S. Swihart, S. Laws, L. Quinn, J. Parker, L. Kimble, F. Yoder, K. Toth, J. Ryan.
Absent: J. Baylor, J. Tibbots.

Concert Band

The 1955-56 concert band started its season with the annual Christmas Concert on December 11th, given in co-operation with the choruses.

Preparation soon began for the city solo contest. This year each member was required to play a solo for his semester exam. Those who qualified in the contest went to Kalamazoo, February 4th for the District Solo and Ensemble Contest. There were fifty-three units entered and Sturgis participants brought home many top honors. Those receiving a first division at Kalamazoo went to the state contest.

On February 18th and 19th, six band members took part in the All-Star Band Clinic in Three Rivers. March 2nd, the band participated in the District Band and Orchestra Festival which was held in Sturgis. The season ended in the spring with the Band Bust and graduation exercises.

Sr. members of band: B. Boaz, A. Lepard, J. Kline, Mr. Welty, M. Bell, V. Hoyt, P. Machan

Junior Band

For twenty-nine eighth graders and one seventh grader, the third hour was devoted to band under Mr. Welty's direction. Their officers were: captain, Joan Lean; co-captain, Roger Howard; treasurer, David Strohpaul; and librarians, Bill Casto and Randy Agley.

Under the drum major, Paul Lepard, the Junior Band marched at a reserve football game and in the Halloween and Christmas parades.

To supplement work with play, the musicians held a skating party December 19 with the Beginner's Band as their guest. Some of the mothers chaperoned and furnished sloppy joes, cokes, and potato chips to the hungry skaters.

A number of students studied under private teachers.

Everyone played a solo in the local contest to complete their semester grade, and several went on the district solo and ensemble contest.

This year for the first time the Junior Band participated in the District Band Festival which was held in Sturgis.

Captain Joan Lean.

Drum Major Paul Lepard.

First Row: J. Benson, J. Lean, J. Mustone, V. Guilford, J. McHuron, S. Tibbott, B. Casto, K. Fraylick, R. Howard, M. Goodrich
Second Row: J. Besser, M. Ott, R. Reuter, K. Somers, B. Bushouse, D. Strohpaul, M. Eckert, R. Agley, S. Baker, J. Seybert, B. Walker.
Third Row: G. Firth, M. Boyle, D. Bixler, W. DeWitt, C. Curtis, P. Lepard.

First Row: J. Wise, S. Otto, M. Young, R. Casner, L. Anderson, C. Wagner, M. Fink, J. Carpenter, D. McBride, S. Jellison. **Second Row:** J. Weidlea, M. Rivers, P. Gaskill, V. Lego, P. Blighton, C. Glasgow, M. Gibson, N. Sigler, J. Rommel, C. Perrin, D. Bowdish, M. Goethals. **Third Row:** P. Gelvin, J. Siegel, B. LeClear, K. Leihn, S. Weaver, L. Zollman, J. Bricker, J. Lawler, S. Weaver, M. Fiegel, M. Brunson, M. Fisk. **Fourth Row:** P. Eckert, J. Morrisson, C. Lean, C. DeVries, M. Stewart, M. Davis, J. Johnson, B. Lawniczak, S. Kline, S. Taylor. **Fifth Row:** M. VanVorst, M. Jackson, J. Howell, P. Trehearne, N. Reed, J. Kline, R. Cummins, J. Schraeder.

Mr. Casner, Marjorie Young, Ruth Casner, Mary Brunson.

Senior Chorus

The chorus got off to a rather slow start this year. The principal difficulty being that, although there was a solid core of capable and experienced members, many had had no choral or even musical experience. They came along with the small group of boys showing exceptional improvement.

The usual Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter assemblies were presented, all in the Auditorium. The singing of the combined choruses and the A Capella Choir was particularly good at the Christmas assembly, their first appearance together. As usual, the group had their share of outside appearances—service clubs, County Teachers Institute, and the Christmas Concert with the band. The Spring Concert featured the singing of the choral music from "Carousel."

Jolayne Carpenter again served as accompanist and the year's officers were: president, Marjorie Young; secretary-treasurer, Ruth Casner, and librarian, Mary Brunson.

A Capella Choir

Mr. Casner

First Row: Patricia Blighton, Jeff Schraeder, Terry Taylor, Carl Grove.
Second Row: Jolayne Carpenter, Linda Wolfe, Kay Cameron, Deanna McBride, Judy Morrison, Marsha Fink.
Third Row: Mary Gibson, Marilyn Fiegel, Joanne Bricker, Carolyn Lean, Sally Taylor, Pat Brown.
Fourth Row: Joyce Lawler, Mary Brunson, Judy Wise, Ruth Casner, Marjorie Young, Sylvia Kline.
Fifth Row: Melvin Van Vorst, Jim Howell, Ned Reed, Paul Trehearne, Steve Jackson.

The A Capella Choir was founded in the latter part of 1951 and has become a tradition of Sturgis High School. Members of the A Capella Choir are chosen from the high school chorus on the basis of general musical ability, voice, and experience in chorus. This is the robed group who represent their chorus in outside engagements, and for that reason, take extra care in their preparation and pride in their performance. This year's group is somewhat smaller than usual, due primarily to the comparative inexperience of the boys, most of whom are lower classmen. Most of the out-of-school appearances are for the various Sturgis service and professional clubs; this year's choir started their year on December 14 with a Christmas program for the Kiwanis Club.

Linda Sauer, Judi Young, Marjorie Otto, Mr. Casner, Mary Finlay, Sandra Carter, Linda Dibble.

The primary function of the seventh and eighth grade choruses is to prepare students for participation, not only in the high school chorus, but in church choirs and other choral organizations. Mr. Casner says that this year's groups have been very good in developing a high standard of musicianship and performance. Their work was particularly outstanding in the Christmas program and their share of the Spring Concert is always the high point in the year's work. We wish them good luck as they go into Senior Chorus.

The officers for the 1955-1956 season are: seventh grade—president, Margie Otto; secretary-treasurer, Linda Sauer; and librarian, Judi Young. Eighth grade—president, Linda Dibble; secretary-treasurer, Sandy Carter; and librarian, Mary Finlay.

Junior Chorus

First Row: A. West, J. Kime, C. Vernon, J. Bogen, J. Barnell, T. Ridley, C. Gustafson, D. Reichard, J. Falkenstein, B. Strange, S. Sprowl, G. Wehrly, B. Swihart, S. Hudson, L. Wyer.
Second Row: L. Chesbro, A. Gay, S. Broadwell, J. Clark, C. Howard, L. Holtz, K. Johnson, M. Wetzel, M. Sponsel, P. Prince, P. Bodley, J. Hartsell, S. Siegel, L. Sauer, H. Schmidt, N. Allen.
Third Row: S. Long, D. Hays, S. Bogen, S. Carter, C. Bricker, S. Olds, M. Carpenter, K. Reed, L. Dibble, S. Hilton, B. Troyer, S. Clark, S. Powers, S. Ray, D. Ray.
Fourth Row: S. Hills, A. Baker, M. Finlay, S. Crowell, L. Brouse, P. Craw, M. Paris, C. Pierson, K. Krause, L. Friesner, K. Grate, M. Otto, J. Young, M. Quinn, Z. VanVorst.
Missing from picture: K. Paxton, D. Smith, Mr. Burkhead, K. Andrews.

Seated: Ricky Guilford, Janet Reed, Tom Stapleton, Pat Porter, Cliff Bee
Standing: Rudy Quirin, Ellen Crabill, Sue Weaver, Sam Weiderman, Janice Besser, Terry VanMeter. Julie Blue, absent

Student Council

Each year the Student Council is made up of two students from each class. These people are elected in the fall at the regular class elections for a two year term. One new representative from each class is elected each year so that there will always be experienced members. This year, the Student Council again sponsored the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Assemblies and several pep meetings.

Members of the Student Council this year were: President, Richard Guilford; Representatives, Sam Weiderman, Clifford Bee, Julie Blue, Janet Reed, Tom Stapleton, Ellen Crabill, Sue Weaver, Janice Besser, Pat Porter, Rudy Quirin, and Terry VanMeter. Mr. Robert Snow was the Council's advisor.

The big decision

Discussing plans for the charter

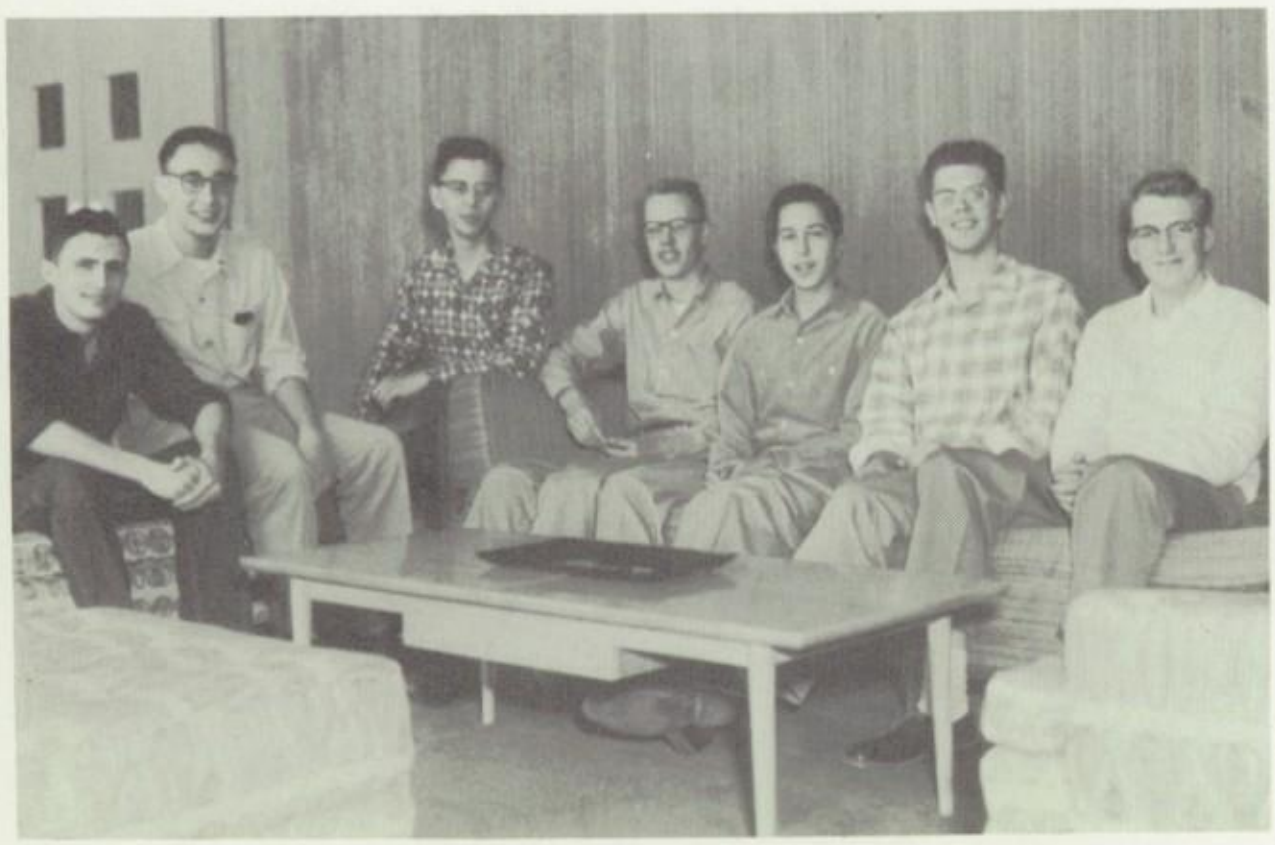
Ricky Guilford, President

Junior Honor Roll

Marilyn Fiegel, Lorna Horrom, Toni Ridley, Karen King, Joyce Swalley

The members of the Junior Honor Roll were chosen again this year as they were last year. The Honor Roll consisted only of eleventh grade students who must have accumulated at least seventy points in order to qualify. The points were totaled from their last five semesters' grades. Four points for an A, three for a B, two for a C, and one for a D.

To achieve this scholastic excellence these students must have developed good study habits and concentration. It was hard work of which they can be proud. As a matter of fact, we are all proud of them for their efforts and congratulate them on their success.



Al Werner, Dave Thomasma, Stanley Laws, Stuart Baker, David Abel, Steve Boyle, Ron Luedeke

" Our Hearts Were Young And Gay "

"Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," a hilarious play was presented by the class of 1956. This well-received play, about Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough, was the fantastically true story of two girls making a trip to France. The situations that they came in contact with kept the audience in a constant uproar. One of the comic events that took place happened in a hotel room in Paris. Cornelia discovers that she has bites from bedbugs all over her body. Otis Skinner, the father of Cornelia, tries to get the room cleaned up and ready for Cornelia's lover, Leo.

Hugh Tyler did an excellent job of directing this spectacular play.

Seated: Richard Guilford, Marjorie, Young, Sylvia Goethals, Anne Lepard, Nancy Ginther. **Standing:** Sam Weiderman, Judy Wise, Sharon Loetz, Walter Wolcott, Herb Heidenreich, Paul Ecket, Dave Brew, Denny Baker, Linda Anderson, Jeanine Young, Jim Kline, Ann Kirby.

First Row: Sue Lash, Joyce Strong, Jane Ross, Sharon Otto, Mary Gibson. **Second Row:** Ruth Casner, Sherry Bintz, Carmen Arklie, Deanna McBride, Susan Moody. **Third Row:** Ernest Pierce, Bill Losey, Corky Kirkpatrick, John Morrill, Paul Toth, Dave Sturgis, Bob Rohrer, Jim Johnsonbaugh, John Weaver.

"How about a game of deck tennis tomorrow?"

Musette Bell and Peggy Machan

Monsieur De La Croix pays a visit

"Cornelia, do you hear something?"

The Senior Play Cast

" The Man Who Came To Dinner "

The senior class presented "The Man Who Came To Dinner" by Kauffman and Hart. This was the first high school play ever presented in the new Sturges-Young Auditorium. There were sixteen girls and nineteen boys in the cast.

The setting of the play is Mesalia, Ohio, where Mr. Whiteside, a well-known man, is forced to stay at the Ernest Stanley home because of an injury. He is visited by several celebrities and receives some interesting Christmas gifts including an Egyptian mummy case. Whiteside finally straightens out the triangle between his secretary, the editor of the local paper, and an actress.

Mr. Hugh Tyler directed this successful play which was presented for two nights.

First Row: J. Wise, L. Rehm, J. Strong, S. Otto, J. Royeton, M. Fink, B. Boaz, C. Arklie, S. Holtz.
Second Row: S. Moody, P. Machan, J. Mieras, L. Evert, E. Studeman, M. Summey, J. Carpenter, D. McBride, S. Fox.
Third Row: S. Molter, R. Casner, A. Falkenstein, C. Wagner, C. Lampe, J. Ross, P. Sturgis.
Fourth Row: J. Johnsonbaugh, B. Grabe, J. Morrill, J. Weaver, M. Girton, T. Lampe, B. Rohrer.

"What am I to do toward ending this madness . . . "

Judy Wise and Linda Rehm

"Oh Mr. Whiteside, not again!"

"A span of four thousand years . . ."

Anne Lepard, Ruth Casner, Marjorie Young, Pat Lash, Jeanine Young.

J-Hop

Bruce Turner leading grand march

Mystic Isle was the setting for the 1955 J-Hop. The couples danced under a ceiling of sparkling white stars. Nets, palm trees, and brilliantly hued flowers decorated the gym.

Jim Servis and his orchestra furnished the music for the evening. Bruce Turner, the junior class president, crowned Marjorie Young queen of the J-Hop. Ruth Casner, Pat Lash, Anne Lepard, and Jeanine Young were named as her court. Marjorie was presented a lei of baby orchids and a gold engraved compact.

Refreshments were served in an atmosphere of a tropic isle with gaily colored parrots scattered around. The girls who served refreshments were dressed in hula skirts with leis of flowers around their necks. They served punch, pineapple, nuts, and slices of cocoanut.

Bruce Turner was the general chairman of the dance; Don Bertva and Jeanine Young served as co-chairmen of the decoration committee.

Couples dance on Mystic Isle

Homecoming

Ruth Casner, Sharon Molter, Anne Lepard, Pat Lash, Marjorie Young.

The senior class, the Varsity Club, and the Youth Center were co-sponsors this year of the third annual homecoming. Our opponent at this game was the Albion squad. Sturgis lost the game by a score of 13-6.

Anne Lepard, chosen by the boys of the senior class, reigned as queen of the evening. Four girls: Ruth Casner, Pat Lash, Sharon Molter, and Marjorie Young, served as her court.

Before the game the girls rode on to the football field in three convertibles. The cars carrying the five girls came to a halt in front of the east stands. Bruce Turner, acting president of the senior class, then crowned Anne with a tiara of flowers. The other girls were presented wrist corsages.
Anne and her court also reigned at the dance following the game. Mrs. Grace Walker's Orchestra provided the music.

Bruce Turner crowning Anne Lepard Homecoming Queen.

Queen and her court viewing the game.

Mr. Killian, Executive Director, L. Post, V. Hoyt, G. Schaeffer, M. Girton, C. Bee.

Junior Achievement

The Junior Achievement program in Sturgis expanded this year to allow more to participate. Five Sturgis companies are sponsoring Junior Achievement companies this year. They include the Nation Carbon Coated Paper Company, who is sponsoring J. A. Persona-Print Company; Harvey Paper Company, sponsoring Wooducts; Marvel Company, sponsoring J. A. Ceramco; Harter Corporation, sponsoring J. A. Metal-Plast Products; and Kirsch Company, who is sponsoring J. A. Metal-Products Company.

The officers of the Junior Achievement companies are chosen twice a year. The first set of officers are elected in October, the second set are elected in February. There are approximately twelve achievers in each company. The total membership for Junior Achievement in Sturgis is sixty.

Junior Achievement companies are organizations of teen-agers for the primary purpose of education and training in business fundamentals as is involved in the production and sale of their different products.

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Carol Wheeler

Ann Kirby, Carolyn Wisler, Carolyn Lean, Elynore Simpson.

Cheerleaders

The '56 cheerleading squad of S.H.S. consisted of eight girls: four varsity and four reserves. The girls were chosen just before school closed giving the girls a chance to practice during the summer.

The varsity squad consisted of: Ann Kirby, Carolyn Lean, Elynore Simpson, and Carolyn Wisler. Carol Wheeler, Gloria Keyser, Judy VanMeter, and Karen Casey made up the reserve squad.

Ann Kirby was captain of the varsity squad, and Carol Wheeler was captain of the reserve squad.

For the football season the cheerleaders wore new outfits of charcoal slacks and white sweaters. During basketball season they wore the traditional black skirts and white sweaters with black dickies.

First Row: Carolyn Wisler, Ann Kirby, Carol Wheeler, Gloria Keyser.
Second Row: Carolyn Lean, Elynore Simpson, Judy Van-, Meter, Karen Casey.

Karen Casey, Judy VanMeter, Gloria Keyser, Carol Wheeler.

Youth

Center

Committee Heads: First Row: Pat Wittenberg, Ruth Casner, Marjorie Young. **Second Row:** Mel Girton, Jim Johnsonbaugh.

The teen-agers of Sturgis High School feel more than fortunate to have their Youth Center moved to the new Sturges-Young Auditorium. The 1955-56 season was the tenth and one of the most successful years of the Youth Center.

The Center is equipped with a huge game room occupied by nine ping-pong tables; a large dance floor and stage for a dance band; and a third room which has a soda bar and grill plus twelve modern tables with chairs.

A membership card entitles the member to all the recreational facilities of the Center and the many post-game dances.

The newly located Center commenced its activities last summer by giving dances every Saturday night. The first dance of this school year was the "Blackboard Bounce" sponsored by the "Platterettes."

The Homecoming Dance, sponsored by the Youth Center, was held in the Elks Temple, music by Grace Walker. The annual Youth Center winter formal, the "Sno-Ball," was held in the Masonic Temple with the new S.H.S. Dance Band furnishing the music.

Ably supervising the Center is Mr. O. Kribs with the assistance of Mrs. Kribs, Mrs. V. Soules, Mrs. J. Lean, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Sonnevil.

Seated: Anne Lepard, Pat Horning, Jeanine Baylor, Paul Toth. **Standing:** Jim Johnsonbaugh, Jeanine Young.

Officers: Janet Horrom, Gordon Adams, Anne Lepard, Don Nordahl.

Cafeteria

First Row: N. Sigler, S. Jellison, B. Doudt, S. Friend, J. Young, D. Bowdish, S. Bintz, J. Holtz, L. Evert, E. Studeman, C. Glasgow. **Second Row:** A. Smith, J. Holtz, S. Molter, Mrs. Scheetz, P. Sturgis, A. Rippey, L. McKerlie, J. Kane, K. Spearow.

Our school cafeteria this year has been under the capable direction of a new teacher, Mrs. Alice Scheetz. This year is Mrs. Scheetz's first year at Sturgis. Each day it is her duty to plan the menu to satisfy all the students and meet the state's requirements. The state helps out in every instance possible.

Any girl who is interested in cooking or furthering her career and knowledge in the field of home economics is offered this full-credit course. The girls help prepare the lunches in the morning as well as assist Mrs. Scheetz during the noon hour.

Sherry and Lois check the stew.

First Row: T. Ray, W. Wolcott, B. Turner, T. Lampe, G. Tobias, D. Bertva, D. Blasius, P. Lahrke, A. Paxton. **Second Row:** J. Kolady, P. Lash, S. Lash, E. Stutz, S. Powers, J. Jackson, K. Spearow, M. Summey, G. Snyder, P. Kennedy, S. Bedford, N. Cameron. **Third Row:** L. Phillips, D. Nusbaum, J. Sheldon, W. Bower, G. Mecklenburg, L. Anderson, L. Evert, C. Lampe, P. Sturgis, S. Bintz, S. Wehrly, M. Pueschel, J. Rippey.

Mr. Casault Co-op director.

Co-op

Co-op, in its ninth year at Sturgis, is under the supervision of Mr. Paul Casault. The student taking co-op is given a chance to select his job for the future and at the same time he can tell whether he will be satisfied with his occupation.

Anyone taking co-op gets a full credit and is allowed to work as long as he keeps up his grades. Persons taking co-op must be either a junior or senior and attend school at least three hours a day, either in the morning or afternoon.

S.H.S. is on the air

Radio

The voice of Sturgis High School is heard at 5:15 every week day on WSTR. Mr. Smith is in charge of the program and does a fine job keeping people in the Sturgis area informed of the school's activities. Mr. Smith broadcasts live or on tape, recaps the sports events, interviews members of the faculty, and replays music by the band and choruses. He also brings parts of assemblies and pep meetings. The actual broadcast originates from a small room overlooking the east end of the gymnasium.

Janitors

Harry Fisk, Herb McLaughlin, Harry Butler, Chuck Hobel

These are the men who keep our school neat and clean. They sweep the floors, wash the blackboards, keep the furnace going, polish the desks, shovel the walks, rake the leaves, and do the little things that make our school better. Perhaps we don't realize how hard the janitors work cleaning up after us. We don't realize what it takes to sand away the markings on the desk tops or mend a broken chair, but they do it uncomplainingly and often without thanks. At this time we, the senior class, speaking for the whole school, would like to say, "thanks" to our loyal custodians for what they've done for us.

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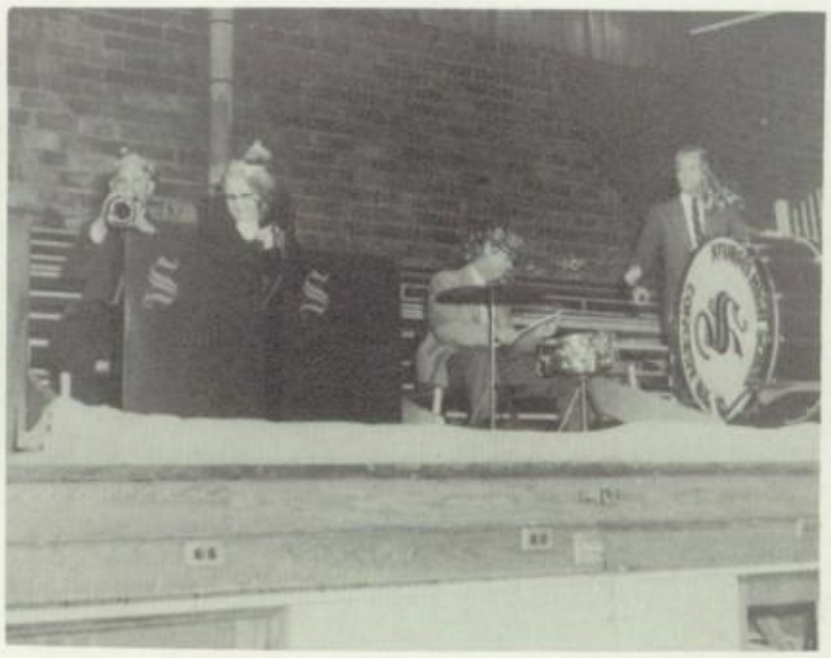

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Anne Lepard tours the field.

Ruth Casner and Marjorie Young—sight-seeing

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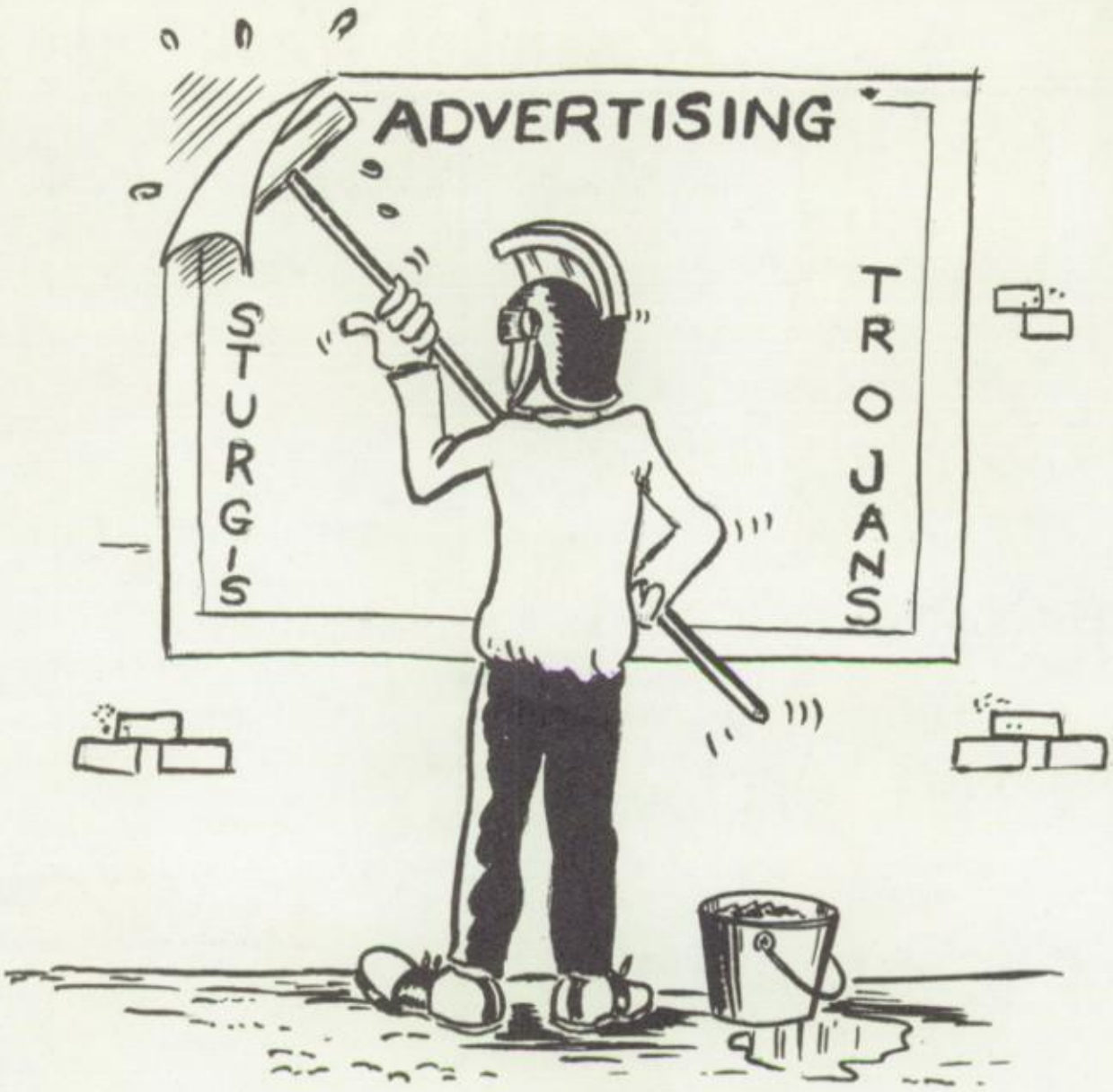

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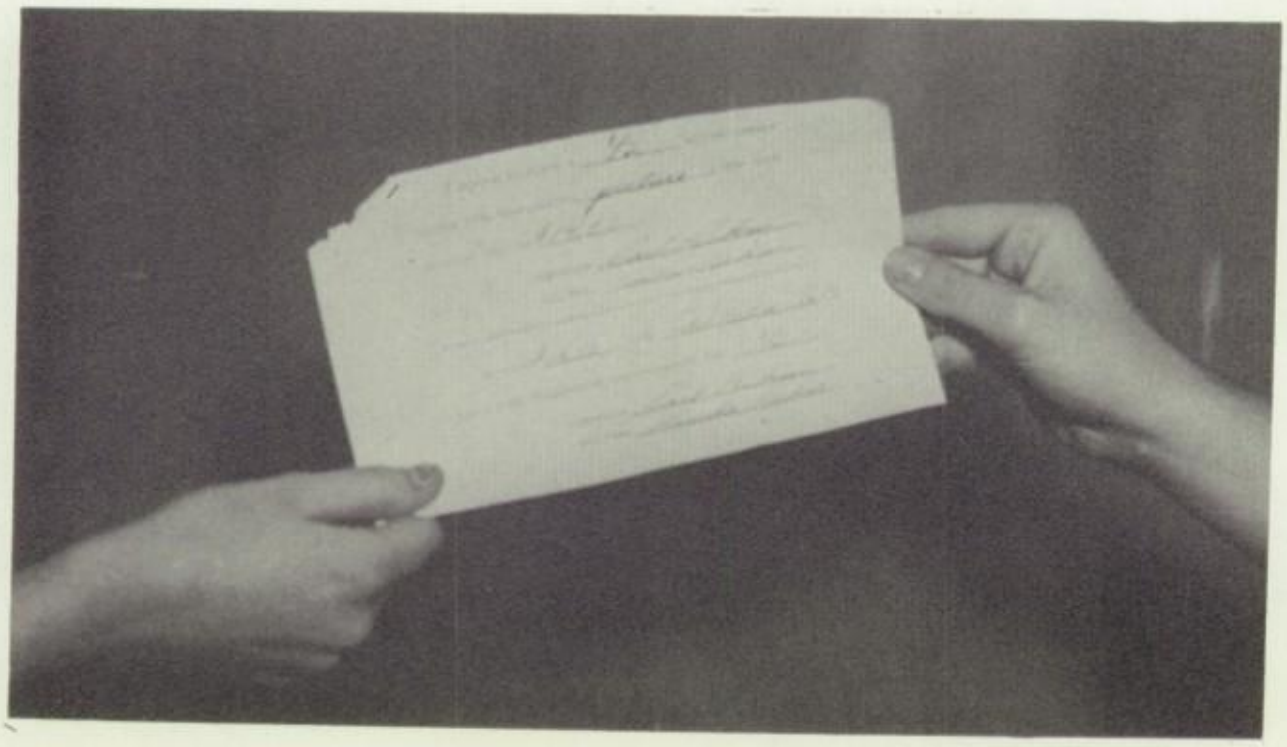

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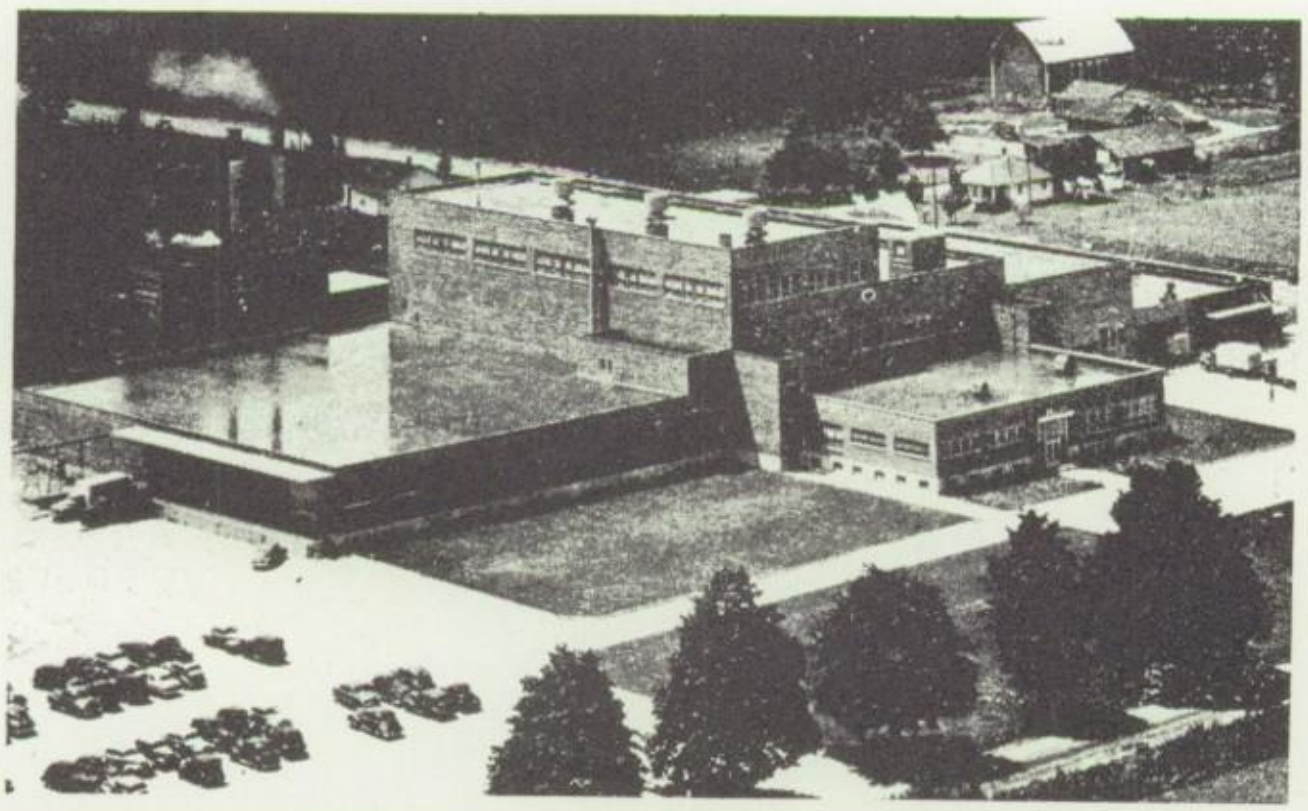

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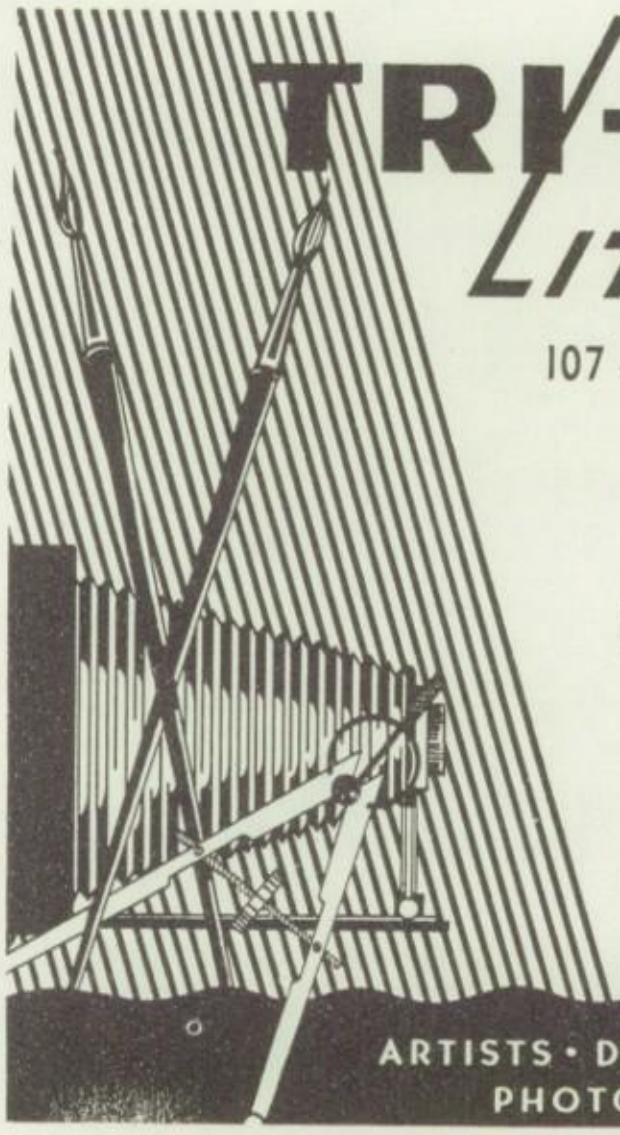

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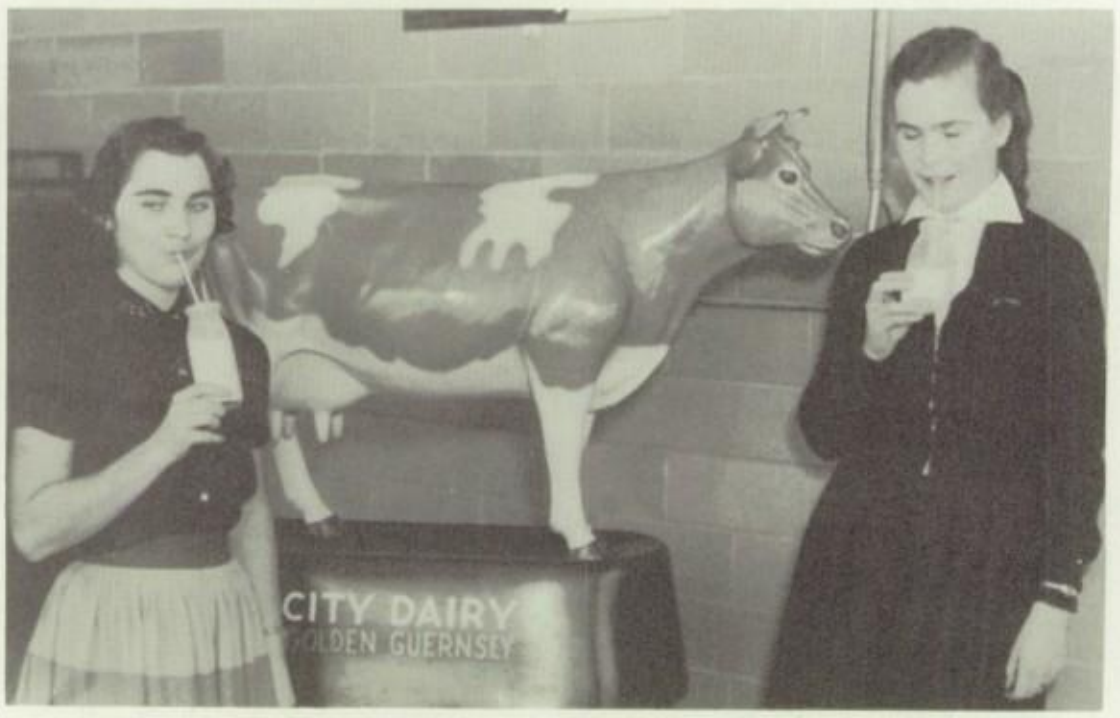

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